
HOUSE RESOLUTION

COMMENDING THE KA IWI COALITION FOR SAVING EAST OAHU'S KA IWI COAST.

1 WHEREAS, the Ka Iwi Coast is the biggest and last
2 undeveloped stretch of open coastline wilderness on the Island
3 of Oahu and extends from Portlock to Makapu'u; and
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5 WHEREAS, the beauty of the mauka and makai sides of the Ka
6 Iwi coastline are of significant cultural and environmental
7 value; and
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9 WHEREAS, attempts to develop the Ka Iwi Coast have been
10 consistently repelled for the past 40 years by an active Hawaii
11 Kai and Oahu community; and
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13 WHEREAS, beginning with the "Save Sandy Beach" initiative,
14 an outpouring of support from the community was mobilized to
15 preserve the Ka Iwi Coast; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 1988 Oahu citizens voted overwhelmingly - upon
18 threats to turn land near Sandy Beach into a luxury residential
19 subdivision - to rezone the area into a preservation district,
20 and was agreed to by the Honolulu City Council; and
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22 WHEREAS, the 1988 Hawaii State Legislature also responded
23 by unanimously passing a resolution asking the Department of
24 Land and Natural Resources to develop a park plan for the Ka Iwi
25 Coast, which led to the State of Hawaii purchasing 305 acres at
26 Awāwamalu for incorporation into the Park ten years later; and
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28 WHEREAS, in 1995 the Ka Iwi Action Council led another
29 successful community effort to halt development plans for twelve
30 parcels along the Ka Iwi coast; and
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1 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Ka Iwi Coalition along with massive
2 members of the community launched "No Cabins on Ka Iwi" in
3 response to a proposal to build mauka cliff-side cabins on
4 preservation lands, and resulted in the City & County not
5 permitting the cabins; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Ka Iwi Coalition, an entity within Livable
8 Hawaii Kai Hui, worked with the Lingle Administration to protect
9 the makai lands by re-designating them from "urban" to
10 "conservation"; and

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12 WHEREAS, in 2010, after a developer purchased 182 acres of
13 the Ka Iwi mauka lands; one year later Ka Iwi Coalition
14 initiated discussion with the Trust for Public Land to purchase
15 the 182 acres; and

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17 WHEREAS, in 2015, the Ka Iwi Coalition launched a "Save Ka
18 Iwi Coast" fund drive run by island-wide grassroots volunteers
19 pledging to raise the final \$500,000 required to purchase the
20 land along with the \$3.5 million contributed by the State of
21 Hawaii and the City & County of Honolulu; and

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23 WHEREAS, the fund-raising campaign succeeded in just 8
24 weeks attracting more than one-thousand separate donors, three-
25 fourths contributing less than \$200; and Livable Hawaii Kai Hui
26 now acts as owner and manager over the two parcels, with the
27 City & County and the Trust for Public Land remaining co-
28 conservation easement holders; now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2016, that this body hereby commends the Ka Iwi
33 Coalition and Livable Hawaii Kai Hui for its tireless efforts to
34 protect and preserve Hawaii Kai's Ka Iwi Coast, and other
35 cultural sites under its protection, and thanks it for its close
36 relationship with the community to ensure the continuous
37 physical and visual access to the unique coastal and cultural
38 resources of East Oahu into perpetuity.

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