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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PRESERVE  
AND EXPAND PUEO HABITAT AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE AND  
CONDUCT AN EXTENSIVE PUEO HABITAT INVENTORY.

1           WHEREAS, across the world, the owl serves as a symbol of  
2 wisdom and knowledge; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the pueo, or Hawaiian short-eared owl, is an  
5 endemic subspecies of the short-eared owl and is thought to have  
6 colonized the Hawaiian islands sometime after the arrival of  
7 Polynesians; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the pueo have a dark mask surrounding large,  
10 yellow eyes and, unlike most owls, are mostly active during the  
11 day and fly at high altitudes above open, grassy areas; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the pueo nest on the ground in grassy areas,  
14 laying three to six eggs over a few months, and young pueo  
15 depend on their parents for approximately two months; and  
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17           WHEREAS, the pueo is known as the "bird of wisdom" and has  
18 a special place in Hawaii's culture; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the pueo is known for offering guidance and  
21 protection and is revered by the ancient Hawaiians as an  
22 'aumakua, or ancestral guardian, of many Hawaiian families; and  
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24           WHEREAS, throughout the State there are streets, areas,  
25 schools, and valleys that use and reference the pueo; and  
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27           WHEREAS, pueo were widespread at the end of the nineteenth  
28 century but are thought to be declining, especially on the Ewa  
29 plain; and  
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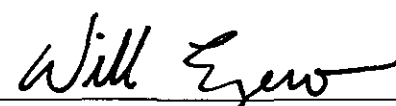
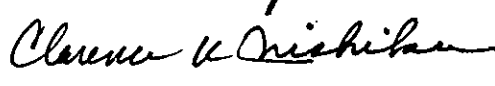
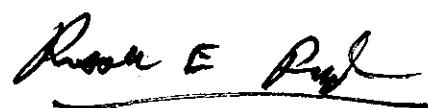

1 WHEREAS, young pueo nestlings are vulnerable to feral cats,  
 2 dogs, rats, and mongoose, and the State has listed the species  
 3 as endangered on Oahu; and  
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5 WHEREAS, state- and privately-supported management  
 6 activities designed to protect other endangered birds and  
 7 preserve habitats can benefit the pueo, as there are more pueo  
 8 on lands where game birds also are common; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
 12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
 13 and Natural Resources is urged to preserve and expand pueo  
 14 habitat areas throughout the State and conduct an extensive pueo  
 15 habitat inventory; and  
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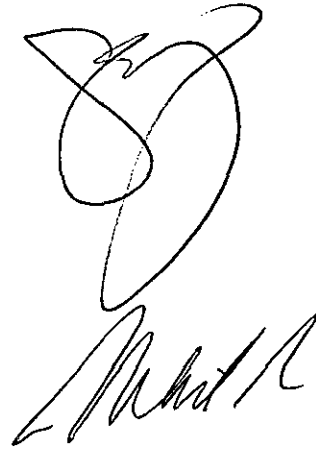
17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 18 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report regarding the  
 19 pueo habitat inventory, including any proposed legislation, to  
 20 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
 21 of the Regular Session of 2017; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Governor, Chairperson of  
 25 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the  
 26 Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chief Executive Officer of the Office  
 27 of Hawaiian Affairs, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,  
 28 and Commander of Navy Region Hawaii.  
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OFFERED BY:   
  
  




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