
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER
OF MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF THE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM AT
MAUNA 'ALA TO ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATE NONPROFIT
ORGANIZATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala ("Mauna 'Ala") in
2 Nu'uauu, Honolulu, is the 2.7 acre wahi pana of many of Hawai'i's
3 Ali'i and their confidantes; and
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5 WHEREAS, Mauna 'Ala is currently owned and managed by the
6 Division of State Parks of the Department of Land and Natural
7 Resources of the State of Hawai'i ("DLNR"); and
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9 WHEREAS, under the guidance of Mauna 'Ala Curator, Kahu
10 William Bishop Kaihe'ekai Maioho, the DLNR bears the primary
11 responsibility for managing and maintaining Mauna 'Ala, along
12 with the support of the Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the
13 Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, the William Charles Lunalilo Trust
14 Estate, the Abigail K. Kawānanakoa Foundation, The Queen's
15 Health Systems, and the Charles Reed Bishop Trust (collectively,
16 the "Royal Parties"); and
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18 WHEREAS, the DLNR, the Royal Parties, and the Kahu of Mauna
19 'Ala have engaged in a cooperative effort to fund and undertake
20 much needed repairs and renovations at Mauna 'Ala; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes the need to transfer
23 the ongoing stewardship and maintenance of Mauna 'Ala to one or
24 more nonprofit organizations with culturally-sensitive property
25 management expertise, financial resources, and strong
26 genealogical and cultural ties to Mauna 'Ala to assist the Kahu



1 of Mauna 'Ala with the ongoing management and maintenance of
2 Mauna 'Ala for the benefit of the public; and
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4 WHEREAS, as ceded lands may only be conveyed for one of the
5 purposes set forth in the Admission Act, references to the
6 public may be helpful to show that the conveyance is consistent
7 with "the provision of lands for public use," one of the trust
8 purposes set forth in the Admission Act; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
12 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and
13 Natural Resources establish a working group to study the
14 potential transfer of management and maintenance of the Royal
15 Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala to one or more appropriate nonprofit
16 organizations; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of
19 the following eight members:
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- 21 (1) Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
22 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 24 (2) One representative from each of the Royal Parties; and
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- 26 (3) Kahu William Bishop Kaihe'ekai Maioho, Kahu of Mauna
27 'Ala; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall select
30 a chairperson from among themselves, and the chairperson is
31 requested to convene working group meetings; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
34 to:
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- 36 (1) Determine whether it would be in the best interests of
37 the descendants of Hawaiian royalty and the people of
38 Hawai'i to transfer ownership and management of Mauna
39 'Ala in perpetuity to one or more appropriate non-
40 profit organizations with culturally-sensitive
41 property management expertise, financial resources,



1 and strong familial and cultural ties to Mauna 'Ala;
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4 (2) Develop and recommend the terms of such transfer of
5 Mauna 'Ala, including any proposed State actions and a
6 timeline for the implementation of such State actions;
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a
10 report of its findings, analyses, and recommendations, including
11 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20
12 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
16 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the
17 Board of Trustees for The Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the
18 Board of Trustees of The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, the
19 Chairperson of the William Charles Lunalilo Trust Estate, the
20 President of the Abigail K. Kawānanakoa Foundation, the Chief
21 Executive Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, the Trustees of
22 the Charles Reed Bishop Trust, and Kahu William Bishop Kaihe'ekai
23 Maioho.

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