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# 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'uaniu, 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 the 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, sufficient 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 is requested to establish a working group to  
14 study the potential transfer of management and maintenance of  
15 the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala to one or more appropriate  
16 nonprofit organizations; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of  
19 the following 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;
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- 29 (4) One representative from the Association of Hawaiian  
30 Civic Clubs; and  
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- 32 (5) One representative from the Royal Societies - 'Aha  
33 Hipu'u; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall select  
36 a chairperson from among themselves, and the chairperson is  
37 requested to convene working group meetings; and  
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
40 to:  
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- 42 (1) Determine whether it would be in the best interest of  
43 the descendants of Hawaiian royalty and the people of



1           Hawai'i to transfer ownership and management of Mauna  
2           'Ala in perpetuity to one or more appropriate non-  
3           profit organizations with culturally-sensitive  
4           property management expertise, financial resources,  
5           and strong familial and cultural ties to Mauna 'Ala;  
6           and

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8           (2) Develop and recommend the terms of such transfer of  
9           Mauna 'Ala, including any proposed State actions and a  
10          timeline for the implementation of such State actions;  
11          and

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13           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that DLNR will be the State  
14          representative in issues regarding land management; and

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16           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a  
17          report of its findings, analyses, and recommendations, including  
18          any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than 20  
19          days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22          Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
23          Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the  
24          Board of Trustees for The Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the  
25          Board of Trustees of The Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, the  
26          Chairperson of the William Charles Lunalilo Trust Estate, the  
27          President of the Abigail K. Kawānanakoa Foundation, the Chief  
28          Executive Officer of The Queen's Health Systems, the Trustees of  
29          the Charles Reed Bishop Trust, Kahu William Bishop Kaihe'ekai  
30          Maioho, the President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic  
31          Clubs, and the Ali'i of the Royal Societies - 'Aha Hipu'u.

