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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO STUDY THE POTENTIAL TRANSFER OF THE ROYAL MAUSOLEUM AT MAUNA 'ALA TO ONE OR MORE APPROPRIATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND RECOMMEND THE TERMS OF THE TRANSFER, MANAGEMENT, AND ONGOING MAINTENANCE OF MAUNA 'ALA.

1 WHEREAS, the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala in Nu'uauu,
2 Honolulu, is the 2.7 acre sacred wahi pana of many of Hawai'i's
3 Ali'i (sovereigns and chiefs) and their confidants; 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; and
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9 WHEREAS, under the guidance of the Mauna 'Ala Curator, Kahu
10 William Bishop Kaihe'ekai Maioho, the Department of Land and
11 Natural Resources bears the primary responsibility for managing
12 and maintaining Mauna 'Ala, along with the support of the Estate
13 of Bernice Pauahi Bishop, the Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, the King
14 Lunaliilo Trust, the Abigail K.K. Kawānanakoa Foundation, The
15 Queen's Health Systems, and the Charles Reed Bishop Trust,
16 referred to collectively as the Royal Parties; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
19 Royal Parties, and the Kahu of Mauna 'Ala have engaged in a
20 cooperative effort to fund and undertake badly needed repairs
21 and renovations at Mauna 'Ala; and
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23 WHEREAS, there is a need to transfer the ongoing
24 stewardship and maintenance of Mauna 'Ala to one or more non-
25 profit organizations with culturally-sensitive property
26 management expertise, financial resources, and strong
27 genealogical and cultural ties to Mauna 'Ala to assist the Kahu
28 of Mauna 'Ala with the ongoing management and maintenance of
29 Mauna 'Ala for the benefit of the public; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,
3 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested
4 to establish a working group to study the potential transfer of
5 The Royal Mausoleum at Mauna 'Ala to one or more appropriate non-
6 profit organizations and recommend the terms for the transfer,
7 management, and ongoing maintenance of Mauna 'Ala; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
10 to consist of the following eight members:

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- 12 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
13 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 15 (2) One representative from each of the Royal Parties; and
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- 17 (3) Kahu William Bishop Kaihe'ekai Maioho, Kahu of Mauna
18 'Ala; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working
21 group select a chairperson from among themselves, and the
22 chairperson is requested to schedule and convene working group
23 meetings; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
26 to:

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- 28 (1) Determine whether it is in the best interest of the
29 descendants of the Royal Parties and the people of
30 Hawai'i to transfer ownership and management of Mauna
31 'Ala in perpetuity to one or more appropriate non-
32 profit organizations with culturally-sensitive
33 property management expertise, financial resources,
34 and strong familial and cultural ties to Mauna 'Ala;
35 and
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- 37 (2) If so, develop and recommend the terms of such
38 transfer of Mauna 'Ala, including any proposed state
39 actions and a timeline for the implementation of such
40 state actions; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 2 to submit a report of the working group's findings, analyses,
 3 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 5 the Regular Session of 2018; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group cease to
 8 exist on June 30, 2018; and

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 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 11 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 12 Land and Natural Resources, Estate of Bernice Pauahi Bishop,
 13 Queen Lili'uokalani Trust, King Lunalilo Trust, Abigail K.K.
 14 Kawānanakoa Foundation, The Queen's Health Systems, Charles Reed
 15 Bishop Trust, and Kahu William Bishop Kaihe'ekai Maioho.

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