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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS TO SEEK INPUT  
FROM COMMUNITIES THAT WILL BE IMPACTED BY THE ALA WAI FLOOD  
RISK MANAGEMENT PROJECT.

1           WHEREAS, in recent decades, catastrophic floods have  
2 occurred more frequently throughout the United States and around  
3 the world; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the United States Army Corps of Engineers  
6 developed the Ala Wai Flood Risk Management Project ("the  
7 Project") to address the potential effects of a catastrophic  
8 flood on the Ala Wai watershed; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the Project calls for the construction of  
11 detention basins in the Manoa and Palolo Valleys, Makiki,  
12 Kanewai Park, the Ala Wai Golf Course, and Ala Wai Park; and  
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14          WHEREAS, the Project also calls for construction of a  
15 solid, reinforced wall, to be four and one-half feet high and to  
16 surround portions of the Ala Wai Canal and Promenade; and  
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18          WHEREAS, the proposed wall and detention basin will impact  
19 numerous communities in the City and County of Honolulu,  
20 including Manoa Valley, Palolo Valley, Makiki, Tantalus,  
21 McCully, Moiliili, St. Louis Heights, Kapahulu, Kaimuki,  
22 Kapiolani, Ala Wai, Ala Moana, and Waikiki; and  
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24          WHEREAS, residents and property owners in these communities  
25 have expressed concerns regarding the construction of detention  
26 basins on private lands; proper maintenance of the basins to  
27 protect public health; the proposed construction of forty-five  
28 foot high industrial pump stations in and around the Ala Wai  
29 preservation area; and the construction of concrete walls along



1 the perimeter of the Ala Wai Canal, which is listed on the  
2 Hawaii State Register of Historic Places; and

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4 WHEREAS, many residents and property owners state that they  
5 did not receive proper notice of the Project and were not given  
6 an opportunity to respond to the Draft Report/Environmental  
7 Impact Statement; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
11 2019, the Senate concurring, that the United States Army Corps  
12 of Engineers is urged to seek input from communities who will be  
13 impacted by the project; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Army Corps of  
16 Engineers is urged to reissue the Draft Report/Environmental  
17 Impact Statement for further public consideration and comments;  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Engineers  
22 and Commanding General of the United States Army Corps of  
23 Engineers, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
24 Resources, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and  
25 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.

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