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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND ANY OTHER RELEVANT STATE AGENCY TO DEVELOP A MAP THAT DEFINES THE MOST SUITABLE AREA WITHIN THE HONOULIULI GULCH FOR A DEDICATED PUEO PRESERVE AND DETERMINE THE REQUIREMENTS TO ESTABLISH THE PRESERVE.

1           WHEREAS, the pueo, or *Asio flammeus sandwichensis*, is a  
2 subspecies of the short-eared owl that is endemic to the State  
3 and known in Hawaiian culture as one of the physical forms  
4 assumed by aumakua, or ancestor spirits; and

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6           WHEREAS, the island of Oahu lacks a refuge, sanctuary,  
7 preserve, park, or wildlife conservation area that is solely  
8 dedicated to protecting pueo and sustaining the foraging range  
9 where pueo are known to inhabit; and

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11           WHEREAS, the State has instituted a practice to disperse  
12 rat bait poison in conservation areas to eradicate vermin; and

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14           WHEREAS, consumption of the poisoned vermin by raptors,  
15 including pueo, is detrimental to the health and well-being of  
16 those birds; and

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18           WHEREAS, the pueo is listed as an endangered species of the  
19 State; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Honouliuli Ahupuaa was historically known to  
22 be the location with the greatest number of pueo; and

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24           WHEREAS, an area within Honouliuli Ahupuaa, particularly in  
25 the area where the Honouliuli Stream meets the Honouliuli Gulch,  
26 should be dedicated as a wildlife preserve for pueo and other  
27 endangered species, including the hoary bat, and housing,



1 farming, recreational, and other types of development should be  
2 prohibited in this area; and

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4 WHEREAS, if a wildlife preserve is established in the  
5 Honouliuli Ahupuaa, then farming enterprises in the area should  
6 be permitted to use any cane roads within the preserve, and  
7 public use of any roadway or infrastructure necessary to serve  
8 the Honouliuli Internment Camp Federal Park Museum should also  
9 be permitted within the preserve; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
13 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Agriculture,  
14 Department of Land and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii,  
15 and any other relevant state agency are requested to develop a  
16 map that defines the most suitable area within the Honouliuli  
17 Gulch for a dedicated pueo preserve, to be managed by the  
18 Department of Land and Natural Resources, and to determine the  
19 requirements to establish the preserve, including any necessary  
20 acquisitions, resources, leases, easements, or legislation; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
23 Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and University of  
24 Hawaii are requested to submit a report to the Legislature of  
25 their findings and recommendations, including a list identifying  
26 any potentially affected land owners, leases, or easements and  
27 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the  
28 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
32 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the  
33 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Director of the Office of  
34 Environmental Quality Control, Chairperson of the University of  
35 Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii  
36 System, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and each  
37 member of the Honolulu City Council.

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