

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A MAKUA VALLEY TASK FORCE TO PREPARE FOR THE TRANSFER OF MANAGEMENT OF THE MAKUA MILITARY RESERVATION TO THE STATE FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY UPON EXPIRATION OF LEASE NUMBER S-3848.

1	WHEREAS, use of Makua Valley by the United States military
2	dates back to the 1920s; and
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4	WHEREAS, during World War II, more than four thousand acres
5	in the Makua valley were converted into a United States military
6	reservation and areas of Makua valley were turned into live-fire
7	training facilities subject to ship-to-shore bombardment; and
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9	WHEREAS, kuleana residents and other residents were
10	required to leave Makua valley following the United States
11	military taking over the area; and
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13	WHEREAS, in 1964, the Board of Land and Natural Resources
14	signed a sixty-five-year lease with the United States Army for
15	use of the Makua valley land; and
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17	WHEREAS, the United States military continued live-fire
18	training at Makua Military Reservation until 2001, when the
19	United States Army agreed to nearly cease live-fire training at
20	Makua pending a comprehensive Environmental Impact Statement;
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23	WHEREAS, according to the findings of fact by a United
24	States district court that temporarily enjoined the Army from
25	conducting live-fire military training at Makua in 2001:



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1 (1)There are at least thirty-two listed endangered 2 plants, two endangered birds, one endangered mammal, and one endangered invertebrate snail located in the 3 Makua Military Reservation area; 4 5 There are records of ten plant species recognized as 6 (2) species of concern, five plant candidate species 7 8 recognized for threatened or endangered species 9 status, and one animal species of concern in the Makua 10 Military Reservation area; and 11 12 (3) Makua valley is associated with a number of Native Hawaiian legends and traditional Native Hawaiian 13 deities, and has significant religious and social 14 value to many Native Hawaiians; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the Makua Military Reservation contains 17 approximately one hundred sites that are eligible for listing on 18 19 the National Register of Historic Places, including Hawaiian 20 temples, shrines, and petroglyphs; and 21 WHEREAS, the United States Army agreed to clear unexploded 22 23 ordnances, with a focus on providing access to cultural sites in 24 Makua; and 25 WHEREAS, access to cultural sites was halted in 2015 after 26 27 two grass-cutting contractors were injured when an unexploded 28 ordnance was accidentally exploded, resulting in a lawsuit 29 against the United States Army to renew access to cultural 30 sites; and 31 WHEREAS, General Lease No. S-3848, the State's sixty-five-32 year lease to the United States Army for its use of Makua 33 valley, expires on August 16, 2029; now, therefore, 34 35 36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 37 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Board of Land and Natural 38 Resources is requested to form a task force, the members of 39 40 which are to serve without compensation, to examine and address 41 the legal, historical, environmental, and cultural impacts from 42 the decades-long use of Makua valley by the United States armed



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forces, and prepare for the transition of the management of the 1 2 Makua Military Reservation from the United States Army to the 3 State upon expiration of General Lease NO. S-3848; and 4 5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to 6 be comprised of the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and a representative of the Hawaii State Legislature 7 8 to be selected by the Speaker of the State House of 9 Representatives; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of 12 Land and Natural Resources is requested invite the following 13 persons to be members of the task force: 14 (1) A representative from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; 15 16 17 (2) A member of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; 18 19 (3) A representative of the families who were evicted from 20 Makua valley or whose lands in Makua valley were condemned by the federal government; 21 22 23 (4) One representative each from three different non-24 profit organizations with expertise on Makua valley; 25 and 26 27 (5) A representative selected from a list of organizations compiled by Native Hawaiian organizations and 28 submitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and 29 30 Natural Resources; and 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall elect a 32 33 chairperson from among themselves; and 34 35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to enter into specific discussions with the United States Army 36 prior to the expiration of General Lease No. S-3848 to: 37 38 Facilitate the expedient return of the lands 39 (1)comprising the Makua Military Reservation; 40



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(2) Ensure the removal of unexploded ordnance in Makua valley; and

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(3) Ensure the expansion of opportunities for cultural access; and

7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to 8 submit status updates of its findings and recommendations, 9 including any proposed legislation to the Legislature no later 10 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular 11 legislative session until the task force is dissolved on 12 February 16, 2030, six months after the expiration of General 13 Lease No. S-3848; and

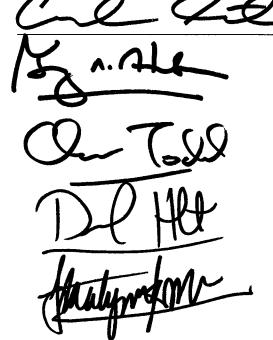
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of the Army, Speaker of the State House of Representatives, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees, and Chairperson of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee.

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