
HOUSE 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,
28 farming, recreational, and other types of development should be
29 prohibited in this area; and



1 WHEREAS, if a wildlife preserve is established in the
2 Honouliuli Ahupuaa, then farming enterprises in the area should
3 be permitted to use any cane roads within the preserve, and
4 public use of any roadway or infrastructure necessary to serve
5 the Honouliuli Internment Camp Federal Park Museum should also
6 be permitted within the preserve; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
10 2019, that the Department of Agriculture, Department of Land and
11 Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, and any other relevant
12 state agency are requested to develop a map that defines the
13 most suitable area within the Honouliuli Gulch for a dedicated
14 pueo preserve, to be managed by the Department of Land and
15 Natural Resources, and to determine the requirements to
16 establish the preserve, including any necessary acquisitions,
17 resources, leases, easements, or legislation; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
20 Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, and University of
21 Hawaii are requested to submit a report to the Legislature of
22 their findings and recommendations, including a list identifying
23 any potentially affected land owners, leases, or easements and
24 any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
25 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
29 Board of Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Land and
30 Natural Resources, Director of the Office of Environmental
31 Quality Control, Chairperson of the University of Hawaii Board
32 of Regents, President of the University of Hawaii System, Mayor
33 of the City and County of Honolulu, and each member of the
34 Honolulu City Council.
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