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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT A STUDY FOR THE RESTORATION OF MAUNA LAHILAHİ AND  
ITS BOTANICAL GARDEN.

1           WHEREAS, Mauna Lahilahi is a prominent geographic feature  
2 on the leeward coast of Oahu; located south of Makaha, Mauna  
3 Lahilahi is a small mountain formation next to the ocean and is  
4 frequently visited by hikers and beachgoers; and  
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6           WHEREAS, Mauna Lahilahi is of cultural significance to  
7 native Hawaiians; in the Hawaiian language, lahilahi means "thin  
8 mountain," and it is believed that this mountain was sacred to  
9 Kane, the Hawaiian god of procreation and the father of all  
10 living creatures; and  
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12           WHEREAS, numerous old petroglyphs are carved into the rocks  
13 on Mauna Lahilahi by different hands and at different times and  
14 include figures of both humans and dogs; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Mauna Lahilahi is home to many local plant life,  
17 found directly around the mountain structure or the nearby  
18 botanical garden; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the beauty that was once Mauna Lahilahi inspired  
21 "I Mauna Lahilahi Ko Wehi," a hula believed to celebrate the  
22 arrival of Ka'iulani at the Makaha Ranch in its golden days; and  
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24           WHEREAS, it is important to preserve the natural beauty and  
25 plant life found on Mauna Lahilahi; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
29 2019, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
30 requested to conduct a study for the restoration of Mauna  
31 Lahilahi and its botanical garden; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 2 Natural Resources is requested to partner with the City and  
 3 County of Honolulu, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, and  
 4 nonprofit organizations with interest or knowledge of Mauna  
 5 Lahilahi; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
 8 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of its  
 9 findings and recommendations, including proposed legislation, to  
 10 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the Regular  
 11 Session of 2020; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 15 Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor of the City and County of  
 16 Honolulu, and the Chancellor of the University of Hawaii - West  
 17 Oahu.

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