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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO MOLOKAI RANCH.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature notes that on April 5, 2008,  
2 Molokai Properties Limited, a wholly owned subsidiary of GL  
3 Limited, terminated all normal operations of its various  
4 holdings and businesses on the island of Molokai, including the  
5 Molokai Lodge, Kaupoa Beach Village, Kaluakoi Golf Course,  
6 Maunaloa Town Cinemas, Maunaloa gas station, and its cattle  
7 operations, resulting in the loss of one hundred twenty jobs on  
8 the island that already has the highest unemployment rate in the  
9 State. Further, Molokai Ranch indicated that it was also  
10 denying access to most of its landholdings, which comprise  
11 approximately one-third of the entire island of Molokai, to the  
12 public who used those lands for purposes of gathering, hunting,  
13 and fishing, thereby supporting the type of subsistence  
14 lifestyle that many residents of Molokai have, by necessity,  
15 come to rely on for survival.

16           The legislature further notes that Molokai Ranch's property  
17 contains numerous wahi pana, places of historical and cultural



1 value, including heiau and ceremonial sites, ancient taro loi,  
2 and loko ia, ancient Hawaiian fishponds.

3 The legislature therefore declares that it is in the public  
4 interest to acquire private lands currently owned by Molokai  
5 Properties Limited and GL Limited, and their successors in  
6 interest, on the island of Molokai.

7 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to:

- 8 (1) Appropriate moneys for the acquisition of all of the  
9 landholdings of Molokai Properties Limited and GL  
10 Limited on the island of Molokai; and  
11 (2) Require that any lands acquired pursuant to this Act  
12 be held in the public land trust for the betterment of  
13 native Hawaiians.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general  
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$260,000,000 or so  
16 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 for  
17 the purchase of all the landholdings of Molokai Properties  
18 Limited and GL Limited on the island of Molokai; provided that  
19 these lands shall be held in trust as part of the public land  
20 trust.



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1           The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of  
 2 land and natural resources for the purposes of this Act.

3           SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2019.

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**Report Title:**

Molokai Ranch; Acquisition; Public Land Trust; Appropriation

**Description:**

Appropriates moneys for the acquisition of Molokai Ranch.  
Requires that lands acquired pursuant to this Act be held in the public land trust.

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