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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AND PARTNERS TO UTILIZE THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 45-230 KULAULI STREET, KANEOHE, HAWAII, FOR AQUACULTURE PURPOSES THAT WILL NOT UNREASONABLY INTERFERE WITH THE DEPARTMENT'S REGULAR USE OF THE PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu owns and operates 1 nine wastewater treatment plants: Honouliuli, Kahuku, Kailua 2 3 Regional, Laie, Paalaa Kai, Sand Island, Wahiawa, Waianae, and 4 Waimanalo; and 5 6 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu also owns the 7 parcel of land that was the location of the former Kaneohe 8 Wastewater Pretreatment Facility; and 9 WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Wastewater Pretreatment Facility was 10 located on the parcel of land designated as TMK No. 1-4-5-11 030:036 at 45-230 Kulauli Street in Kaneohe, Hawaii; and 12 13 WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Wastewater Pretreatment Facility has 14 since been decommissioned, which included demolition of the 15 administration building and other equipment and, most recently, 16 demolition of the digester tanks in 2020; and 17 18 19 WHEREAS, ancillary structures and a storage structure are still maintained on the parcel of land; however, the rest of the 20 property is underutilized; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, the parcel of land is located adjacent to Waikalua 24 Loko Fishpond, also known as Waikalua Loko I'a, a four-hundredyear-old ancient Hawaiian fishpond; and 25 26 27 WHEREAS, the Pacific American Foundation and Pacific American Foundation Hawaii, Inc., a sister 501(c)(3) 28

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organization that has ownership of Waikalua Loko Fishpond, 1 embarked on restoring the pond in 1995 in partnership with the 2 3 Waikalua Loko Fishpond Preservation Society; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the Kaneohe Wastewater Pretreatment Facility site 6 is industrial-zoned property in the urban land use district; and 7 8 WHEREAS, there is an opportunity to put the sixteen-acre 9 property to use for aquaculture purposes, as aquaculture would return a former environmentally sensitive site into productive 10 11 use; and 12 WHEREAS, aquaculture holds significant growth and economic 13 potential for the State in the areas of facilitating and 14 15 promoting greater seafood consumption, food production, food 16 self-sufficiency, and export opportunities; now, therefore, 17 18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 19 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the City 20 and County of Honolulu Department of Environmental Services to 21 22 partner with the University of Hawaii, Pacific American 23 Foundation, and other organizations to utilize the property 24 located at 45-230 Kulauli Street, Kaneohe, Hawaii, for 25 aquaculture purposes that will not unreasonably interfere with 26 the Department of Environmental Services' regular use of the 27 property; and 28 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the 31 University of Hawaii System, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Director of Environmental Services of the City and 32 County of Honolulu, and Chief Executive Officer and President of 33 34 the Pacific American Foundation. 35 36 37 OFFERED BY:

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