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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONDUCT PUBLIC FORUMS TO SOLICIT INPUT FROM THE COMMUNITY  
REGARDING THE LEASE OF STATE LANDS TO THE MILITARY.

1 WHEREAS, Article XI, section 1, of the Hawaii State  
2 Constitution provides that:

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4 For the benefit of present and future generations, the  
5 State and its political subdivisions shall conserve  
6 and protect Hawaii's natural beauty and all natural  
7 resources, including land, water, air, minerals and  
8 energy sources, and shall promote the development and  
9 utilization of these resources in a manner consistent  
10 with their conservation and in furtherance of the  
11 self-sufficiency of the State.

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13 All public natural resources are held in trust by the  
14 State for the benefit of the people[;]

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18 WHEREAS, public lands should be managed in the spirit of  
19 malama aina and that the military's use of public land has been  
20 inconsistent with that spirit; and

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22 WHEREAS, the legacy of Kahoolawe, Waikane, Makua,  
23 Pohakuloa, and Red Hill are tragic; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Navy failed to clear all unexploded ordnance  
26 from Kahoolawe; and

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28 WHEREAS, a federal court concluded that the Army "failed to  
29 use good faith efforts to develop a plan and secure funding for  
30 [clearing unexploded ordinance] from the high priority sites  
31 that the Army was supposed to identify" in Makua pursuant to a  
32 settlement agreement; and



1 WHEREAS, portions of the state land at Pohakuloa are,  
2 according to a state circuit court, heavily contaminated on the  
3 surface with material potentially presenting an explosive hazard  
4 that pose a significant danger to public health and welfare; and  
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6 WHEREAS, multiple fuel leaks at the Red Hill underground  
7 storage facility contaminated Oahu's water supply; and  
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9 WHEREAS, with sixty-five-year leases to the military due to  
10 expire shortly, it is time to evaluate whether those leases  
11 should be renewed or whether the lands should be returned to the  
12 people of Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
16 of 2022, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
17 requested to conduct public forums in communities adjacent to  
18 large parcels of state lands that are currently leased to the  
19 military and that have leases that are scheduled for renewal or  
20 expiration within the next ten years; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
23 Land and Natural Resources is requested to invite  
24 representatives from the military and other members of the  
25 Department of Defense, area legislators, and adjacent landowners  
26 to attend the public forums; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public forums include input  
29 from members of the community on:  
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- 31 (1) The positive and negative impacts the military leases  
32 have on the surrounding communities;  
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34 (2) Preferred future uses of the parcels, including  
35 continued use by the military or other uses; and  
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37 (3) Restrictions or conditions that should be added to a  
38 lease if that lease to the military is renewed,  
39 extended, or otherwise renegotiated; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
42 Natural Resources is requested to allow people who are unable to



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1 attend the public forums to submit their input through live  
2 videoconference, mail, email, or an online submission process;  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
6 Natural Resources is requested to summarize the input gathered  
7 from the public forums into a report and submit the report to  
8 the Legislature no later than twenty days before the Regular  
9 Session of 2023; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of Land  
13 and Natural Resources.  
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