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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT CO-STEWARDSHIP OF  
WAHI KŪPUNA WITH THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY WITH REGARDS  
TO LANDS UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT  
AUTHORITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs recognizes  
2 that the well-being of the 'āina is essential to the well-being  
3 of the Native Hawaiian people and advocates for preservation,  
4 protection, and stewardship of land, watersheds, ocean  
5 resources, and significant cultural sites; and  
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7 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are ancestral, physical locations  
8 significant to the Native Hawaiian community where they maintain  
9 relationships to the past and foster their identity and well-  
10 being in the present; and  
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12 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are the repositories that are  
13 strongholds of Native Hawaiian culture and places where Native  
14 Hawaiians can transmit knowledge and culture to the next  
15 generation; and  
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17 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna continue to be severely threatened by  
18 development and do not have the same equity and parity as  
19 natural resources and other environmental sectors; and  
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21 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are disproportionately underfunded  
22 within the private and public sectors of Hawaii; and  
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24 WHEREAS, in recent history, wahi kūpuna including  
25 Kaho'olawe, Papahānaumokuākea, and Mauna Kea, provide lessons on  
26 approaches and practices to either avoid or replicate,  
27 especially when wahi kūpuna are located on lands under federal,  
28 state, or local government authority; now, therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the United States  
2 government is urged to support the co-stewardship of wahi kūpuna  
3 with the Native Hawaiian community with regard to lands under  
4 federal, state, and local government authority; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Hawaiian  
7 Civic Clubs and its partner organizations are requested to  
8 identify and prioritize wahi kūpuna located on lands under the  
9 federal, state, and local government authority and initiate  
10 discussions urging co-stewardship between Native Hawaiian  
11 community organizations with the respective landowners; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal, state, and local  
14 government authorities are urged to consult with the Native  
15 Hawaiian community in development of their respective resource  
16 management plans, and in the development of co-stewardship  
17 models and agreements with the Native Hawaiian community  
18 organization, to preserve important cultural and natural sites,  
19 educate the general community on Native Hawaiian traditions and  
20 practices, advocate cultural awareness, and implement and  
21 maintain the Native Hawaiian community presence in the area; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawaii  
25 congressional delegation; Secretaries of the Interior,  
26 Agriculture, Defense, and Commerce; Governor; Chairperson of the  
27 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and all  
28 County Mayors.  
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