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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES, GOVERNOR, AND HAWAII'S
CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO WORK TOGETHER TO FACILITATE THE
CLEAN UP AND RETURN OF ADDITIONAL MILITARY LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, many properties in the State are under federal
2 control and are used, or have been used, as military facilities;
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5 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces' use of the land
6 has caused extensive environmental damage, including water and
7 soil contamination; and

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9 WHEREAS, in January 2023, the United States Air Force
10 returned to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands three hundred
11 sixty-three acres of land that the military formerly leased on
12 the island of Molokai; and

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14 WHEREAS, in preparing to return the land, the United States
15 Air Force carried out "an exhaustive and comprehensive"
16 environmental clean up process approved by the Department of
17 Health and Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

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19 WHEREAS, the returned land may offer opportunities for
20 Native Hawaiians on the waitlist to receive homestead leases
21 from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Governor has expressed interest in identifying
24 additional lands that the military can return to the State; and

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26 WHEREAS, the return of additional military lands would
27 provide opportunities for environmental clean up, help the State
28 address the extensive waitlist for homestead leases, and allow
29 the State to undertake conservation efforts on the lands; and

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31 WHEREAS, the United States Armed Forces' sixty-five year
32 leases on more than thirty thousand acres of state land will
33 expire in August 2029; now, therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
3 that the United States Armed Forces, Governor, and Hawaii's
4 congressional delegation are urged to work together to
5 facilitate the clean up and return of additional military lands,
6 especially lands with expiring leases; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, members
10 of Hawaii's congressional delegation, United States Army Pacific
11 Commanding General, United State Navy Pacific Fleet Commander,
12 United States Pacific Air Forces Commander, United State Marine
13 Corps Forces Pacific Commander, United States Coast Guard
14 District Fourteen Commander, Governor, and Chair of the Board of
15 Land and Natural Resources
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OFFERED BY: _____

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