
HOUSE RESOLUTION

DESIGNATING THE KO'OLAU KUPUNA COUNCIL AS AN ADVISORY RESOURCE TO
THE ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE HAWAII STATE LEGISLATURE
REPRESENTING THE KO'OLAU COMMUNITY.

1 WHEREAS, from time immemorial, kupuna have held respected
2 and revered positions within Hawaii's households, families, and
3 communities; and

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5 WHEREAS, today, kupuna play an essential role in advising
6 on appropriate actions that enable smooth and efficient
7 relationships among members of households, families, businesses,
8 and the community; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Ko'olau community recently formed the Ko'olau
11 Kupuna Council, comprised of kupuna who are sixty years of age
12 or older and are long-time residents of Eastside Oahu and
13 Hawaiian cultural practitioners who possess historical and
14 cultural knowledge about the Koolau region and community; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is of great significance to the Ko'olau
17 community for the Ko'olau Kupuna Council to meet with elected
18 officials representing the Ko'olau community on a regular basis
19 to provide, in the spirit of aloha and with humility, input on
20 various issues that are of importance to the Ko'olau community;
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23 WHEREAS, formal recognition of the Ko'olau Kupuna Council as
24 an advisory resource to elected members of the Hawaii State
25 Legislature who represent the Ko'olau community is imperative to
26 enable the Council to share its wisdom and advice on matters of
27 importance to the Ko'olau community; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2024, that the Ko'olau Kupuna Council is designated by



1 the Hawaii State Legislature as an advisory resource to its
2 elected members representing the Ko'olau community; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that elected members of the Hawaii
5 State Legislature representing the Ko'olau community are
6 requested to meet with the Ko'olau Kupuna Council and any of its
7 subsequent chapters on a regular basis to receive input on
8 various issues that are of importance to the Ko'olau community;
9 and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Ko'olau Kupuna
13 Council.

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OFFERED BY:

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