THE SENATE THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

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SENATE CONCURRENT 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.

WHEREAS, from time immemorial, kupuna have held respected 1 and revered positions within Hawaii's households, families, and 2 3 communities; and 4 5 WHEREAS, today, kupuna play an essential role in advising on appropriate actions that enable smooth and efficient 6 7 relationships among members of households, families, businesses, 8 and the community; and 9 10 WHEREAS, the Ko'olau community recently formed the Ko'olau Kupuna Council, comprised of kupuna who are sixty years of age 11 or older and are long-time residents of Eastside Oahu and 12 13 Hawaiian cultural practitioners who possess historical and cultural knowledge about the Koolau region and community; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, it is of great significance to the Ko'olau 17 community for the Ko'olau Kupuna Council to meet with elected officials representing the Ko'olau community on a regular basis 18 19 to provide, in the spirit of aloha and with humility, input on various issues that are of importance to the Ko'olau community; 20 21 and 22 23 WHEREAS, formal recognition of the Koʻolau Kupuna Council as an advisory resource to elected members of the Hawaii State 24 25 Legislature who represent the Ko'olau community is imperative to enable the Council to share its wisdom and advice on matters of 26 27 importance to the Ko'olau community; now, therefore, 28

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 1 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the 2 House of Representatives concurring, that the Koʻolau Kupuna 3 Council is designated by the Hawaii State Legislature as an 4 advisory resource to its elected members representing the Koʻolau 5 community; and 6 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that elected members of the Hawaii 8 State Legislature representing the Koʻolau community are 9 requested to meet with the Ko'olau Kupuna Council and any of its 10 subsequent chapters on a regular basis to receive input on 11 various issues that are of importance to the Ko'olau community; 12 and 13 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the 16 17 Koʻolau Kupuna Council. 18 19 20

OFFERED BY:

