
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION WITHDRAW ITS
SUPPORT FOR THE HAWAII CAPITAL NATIONAL HERITAGE AREA.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Capital Cultural Coalition is
2 supporting the designation of a large section of central
3 Honolulu as a National Heritage Area; and
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5 WHEREAS, the proposed Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area
6 would encompass a large ahupa`a-like area from the Nu`anu pali
7 down to the ocean, with its easterly boundary along Punahou
8 Street and its westerly boundary along Kalihi Street, containing
9 within it many historically and culturally significant and
10 sensitive areas, including Iolani Palace, the State Capitol,
11 Washington Place, the Royal Mausoleum at Mauna Ala, the National
12 Cemetery of the Pacific at Puowaina, and historic downtown
13 Honolulu and Chinatown; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii' congressional delegation is supporting the
16 designation of the Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area, where
17 many of Hawaii's significant historic events took place, as a
18 means of securing millions of dollars in federal and other funds
19 and encouraging cultural tourism and awareness of Hawaii's
20 unique history; and
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22 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Capital Cultural Coalition has
23 proceeded with its efforts to establish the Hawaii Capital
24 National Heritage Area without sufficient consultation and input
25 or mana`o from native Hawaiian groups; and
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27 WHEREAS, many native Hawaiians are concerned about bundling
28 some of Hawaii's most culturally sacred places or wahi pana,
29 such as the Iolani Palace and Mauna Ala, with other tourist
30 attractions like Chinatown and the Hawaii Maritime Center,
31 thereby diminishing their significance; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
34 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
35 of 2009, that the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation



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1 are requested to reconsider and withdraw their support for the
2 designation of the Hawaii Capital National Heritage Area until
3 there has been an opportunity for native Hawaiian groups and
4 individuals to consider the designation and express their
5 concerns regarding the inclusion of many of Hawaii's most
6 culturally significant places or wahi pana within the Hawaii
7 Capital National Heritage Area; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the members of Hawaii's delegation
11 to the United States Congress.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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