
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DETERMINE
WHETHER LANDS ALONG THE WAIPIO PENINSULA AND WAIPAHU
SHORELINES ARE ACCRETED LANDS AND THEREFORE STATE PROPERTY
FOR PROSPECTIVE USE AS A STATE PARK.

1 WHEREAS, over the years, the extreme high water mark of the
2 Waipahu shoreline coupled with mud and silt from two feeder
3 streams from upland Waipahu has gradually changed, creating
4 accreted lands; and

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6 WHEREAS, there now exists unclaimed accreted lands Waipio
7 Peninsula and the Waipahu shorelines; and

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9 WHEREAS, by comparative size analysis, these accreted lands
10 are approximately over 200 acres; and

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12 WHEREAS, section 501-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states
13 that no applicant other than the State shall register land
14 accreted along the ocean, except that a private property owner
15 whose eroded land has been restored by accretion may file an
16 accretion claim to regain title to the restored portion; and

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18 WHEREAS, section 171-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, defines
19 "accreted lands" as lands formed by the gradual accumulation of
20 land on a beach or shore along the ocean by the action of
21 natural forces; and

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23 WHEREAS, the accreted lands along the Waipio Peninsula and
24 Waipahu shorelines, which are currently unused and without a Tax
25 Map Key, should be designated as a state park reserve to be
26 later designated as the Waipahu Shoreline Park for the community
27 to enjoy; and



1 WHEREAS, parks and open recreational spaces positively
2 affect the health and vibrancy of a community; and
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4 WHEREAS, the people of Waipahu do not have such a space,
5 and are deprived of the positive benefits of having a place for
6 their children to play, the elderly to relax, and the entire
7 community to enjoy and call their own; and
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9 WHEREAS, the closest state parks are located outside of
10 Waipahu in central Oahu and at Kaena Point, and are distant and
11 inconvenient to Waipahu residents; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the
16 Department of Land and Natural Resources to study whether the
17 lands along the Waipio Peninsula and Waipahu shorelines are
18 accreted lands and therefore are state property for prospective
19 use as a state park in the future; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
22 Natural Resources submit a report of its findings and
23 recommendations on the registration of the accreted lands along
24 the Waipio Peninsula and Waipahu shorelines to the Legislature,
25 including whether the lands are suitable for use as a state park
26 in the future; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
30 the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Board of
31 Land and Natural Resources, and the Chairperson of the Waipahu
32 Neighborhood Board.

