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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC PRESERVATION.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the concept of a  
2 wilderness park in the culturally and historically rich south  
3 Kona area on the island of Hawaii has been discussed for more  
4 than thirty years. This area has significant archeological  
5 sites that warrant protection and preservation. Act 59, Session  
6 Laws of Hawaii 2003, established the south Kona wilderness area  
7 and provided for the development of a comprehensive management  
8 plan for the area; however, Act 59 was subsequently repealed on  
9 December 31, 2007, by Act 215, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006.

10           The purpose of this Act is to establish a south Kona  
11 wilderness area on the island of Hawaii, provide a mechanism for  
12 the creation of a plan for management of the wilderness area,  
13 and provide a framework for management of the wilderness area.

14           SECTION 2. Chapter 6E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended  
15 by adding a new part to be appropriately designated and to read  
16 as follows:



1                   **"PART       .     SOUTH KONA WILDERNESS AREA**

2           **§6E-A South Kona wilderness area; establishment.** There is  
3 established the south Kona wilderness area on the island of  
4 Hawaii in the area described in section 6E-B to be administered  
5 by the department of land and natural resources for the  
6 preservation of the visual, cultural, and historical aspects of  
7 the lands covered in this part and to:

- 8           (1) Preserve the extensive archaeological sites in the  
9           area, including ancient home sites, a holua slide, a  
10          heiau, and burial caves;
- 11          (2) Preserve and protect native Hawaiian plants and  
12          animals currently in the area;
- 13          (3) Provide for a wilderness area with minimal man-made  
14          structures;
- 15          (4) Permit limited access for recreational purposes, such  
16          as fishing, swimming, camping, and exploration; and  
17          (5) Prevent additional development in the area.

18          **§6E-B Lands included.** (a) Except as provided in  
19 subsection (b), the following lands shall be included in the  
20 South Kona wilderness area:

- 21          (1) Honomalino: All lands from the shoreline to six  
22          thousand feet inland;



- 1 (2) Okoe: All lands from the shoreline to six thousand  
2 feet inland. The Honomalino and Okoe sections include  
3 about one thousand four hundred fifty-eight acres;
- 4 (3) Kapu'a: All lands from the shoreline and going mauka,  
5 designated as lots D-2-1 to D-2-4 in the county of  
6 Hawaii, planning department, final subdivision  
7 approval number 7625, a portion of which is currently  
8 included within the conservation district, which lands  
9 include about seven thousand seven hundred eighty  
10 acres;
- 11 (4) Kaulanamauna: All lands from the shoreline to the  
12 Manuka natural area reserve boundary; and
- 13 (5) Manuka: All lands from the shoreline to the Manuka  
14 natural area reserve boundary.
- 15 (b) Any parcel of land included in subsection (a) upon  
16 which there is a dwelling house as of July 1, 2011, together  
17 with any outbuildings forming a part of the residential complex,  
18 shall be excluded from the south Kona wilderness area.

19 **§6E-C Construction prohibited.** No new homes or other  
20 structures shall be constructed within one thousand feet of the  
21 shoreline within the south Kona wilderness area, except as  
22 follows:



1 (1) Structures built by the department for the purpose of  
2 managing the area;

3 (2) Repairs to existing structures pursuant to rules  
4 adopted by the department under chapter 91; and

5 (3) Construction of one dwelling with a footprint no  
6 larger than one thousand square feet by a private  
7 landowner if the existing rules permit the  
8 construction;

9 provided that no land shall be subdivided within the area;  
10 provided further that no owner shall be permitted to consolidate  
11 and resubdivide lots within the area if this subdivision would  
12 increase the number of buildable lots.

13 **§6E-D Land acquisition.** The department may acquire any  
14 private lands included in the lands described in section 6E-B(a)  
15 by a value-for-value exchange of other state lands; provided  
16 that, notwithstanding section 171-50, the costs associated with  
17 any appraisal, including that of the public land, shall be borne  
18 by the owner of the private land in the exchange transaction or  
19 by private funds, grants, or contributions.

20 **§6E-E Designation of lands within the conservation**  
21 **district.** All lands described in section 6E-B(a) shall be  
22 classified as lands within the conservation district as



1 described in section 205-2 without the necessity of any  
2 proceedings before the land use commission."

3 SECTION 3. In codifying the new sections added by section  
4 2 of this Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute  
5 appropriate section numbers for the letters used in designating  
6 the new sections in this Act.

7 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2011.

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**Report Title:**

South Kona Wilderness Area

**Description:**

Establishes the south Kona wilderness area on the island of Hawaii to preserve vulnerable visual, natural, and historical aspects of South Kona. (SD1)

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