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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE AHUPUAA  
SURROUNDING NA WAI EHA IN MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, the ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai Eha in Maui,  
2 including Wailuku, Waiehu, Ahikulu, and Waihee, is of  
3 considerable cultural significance and should be preserved and  
4 protected against future development; and

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6           WHEREAS, the mountains of Na Wai Eha are home to several  
7 burial sites and three historic heiau located in Wailuku and the  
8 mountain ridges of Polipoli and Mauna Alani; and

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10          WHEREAS, ancient Hawaiian boundary stones in the area were  
11 purposely aligned to delineate the ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai  
12 Eha and protect the area from trespassers; and

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14          WHEREAS, any permitted development, including alterations  
15 to the land made in anticipation of recreational use, in the  
16 areas surrounding Na Wai Eha would result in unwelcome  
17 disturbances to the ancient burial sites and heiau; and

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19          WHEREAS, the waters of Na Wai Eha have been diverted for  
20 more than a century to irrigate sugar plantations; development  
21 in the area of Na Wai Eha should be curbed to recharge the  
22 streamflow to the ground water supply that sustains more than  
23 half of Maui's residents and visitors; now, therefore,

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25          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
28 Natural Resources and other state and county agencies are  
29 requested to do everything within their respective areas of  
30 responsibility to protect and preserve the ahupuaa surrounding  
31 Na Wai Eha in Maui, including Wailuku, Waiehu, Ahikulu, and  
32 Waihee; and

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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature supports the  
 3 curbing of development and recreational use of the lands in the  
 4 ahupuaa surrounding Na Wai Eha; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
 8 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the  
 9 Chairperson of the Commission on Water Resource Management, the  
 10 Mayor of Maui, and the Chairperson of the Maui County Council.  
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