
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO ASCERTAIN THE DISPOSITION OF TITLE AND OWNERSHIP OF ACREAGE ALONG THE PEARL HARBOR SHORELINE BORDERING WAIPAHU AND THE WESTLOCK SHORELINES THAT ACCUMULATED AS A RESULT OF MANGROVES, VEGETATION, AND ACCRETED LAND FROM RIVERS UPSTREAM.

1 WHEREAS, there are hundreds of acres covered by mangroves
2 and other vegetation along the Waipahu shoreline; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Twenty-sixth Legislature adopted H.C.R. No.
5 85, H.D. 1, in 2011, urging the Department of Land and Natural
6 Resources to determine whether lands along the Waipio peninsula
7 and Waipahu shorelines are accreted lands and therefore state
8 property for prospective use as a state park; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Parks and Recreation of the City
11 and County of Honolulu conducted an initial assessment of the
12 acreage on September 30, 2011, that found that dense vegetation
13 and tangled mangroves prevented further assessments and ground
14 studies from being conducted at that time; and

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16 WHEREAS, further assessments were not pursued because of
17 financial constraints; and

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19 WHEREAS, the acreage does not have tax map identification
20 and does not exist on maps prior to 1900; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2007, United States Navy personnel surveyed the
23 shoreline mangrove area and cleaned up debris and determined
24 that the wet grounds behind and makai of Waipahu Intermediate
25 School result from inland water and the debris along the
26 shoreline came down from two streams; and



1 WHEREAS, the United States Navy also made a determination
2 of ownership and responsibility but only to the extreme high
3 water mark; and
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5 WHEREAS, there was a joint clean-up event with the United
6 States Navy in 2011 where an Admiral claimed that the land
7 involved was not within United States Navy jurisdiction; and
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9 WHEREAS, the United States Navy denies ownership of the
10 subject acreage; and
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12 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu and the State have
13 clear demarcation marks of the property, which are far in, mauka
14 of the acreage; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2012, that the Coastal Zone Management Program under the
19 Office of Planning is urged to ascertain the disposition of
20 title and ownership of acreage along the Pearl Harbor shoreline
21 bordering Waipahu and the Westlock shorelines that accumulated
22 as a result of mangroves, vegetation, and accreted land from
23 rivers upstream; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the owner, once determined,
26 survey the land for hazards and environmental cleanup needs; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the process of accretion be
29 studied in the event the land is not titled; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the land be designated for
32 future use as a park or community garden; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Commander of Navy Region
36 Hawaii, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
37 Director of the Office of Planning, members of the Honolulu City
38 Council, and Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation
39 of the City and County of Honolulu.
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