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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING AND SUPPORTING THE POSITION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF HAWAIIAN CIVIC CLUBS AND URGING THE GOVERNOR TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE AHA MOKU SYSTEM OF NATURAL RESOURCE MANAGEMENT AND TO ESTABLISH THE AHA MOKU ADVISORY COMMITTEE WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROVIDE GUIDANCE IN THE MANAGEMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs is  
2 dedicated to the restoration of Hawai'i's environment and  
3 ecosystem; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,  
6 through its Ocean Resources Committee, introduced ahupua'a and  
7 moku-based management into the Hawai'i Ocean Resources Management  
8 Plan; and

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10 WHEREAS, in 2006, the Department of Business, Economic  
11 Development, and Tourism, Office of State Planning, Coastal Zone  
12 Management Program, published the Ocean Resources Management  
13 Plan; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Ocean Resources Management Plan supported the  
16 development of ahupua'a and moku-based management of natural  
17 resources; and

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19 WHEREAS, between August 2006 and April 2007, the  
20 Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
21 Kamehameha Schools, Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau, and  
22 Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council partnered  
23 and cosponsored five conferences of the Ho'ohanohano I Na  
24 Kupuna Puwalu series; and

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26 WHEREAS, in June 2007, the Legislature passed Act 212  
27 establishing the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee with the task of  
28 identifying the system and structure of best practices for  
29 traditional natural resource management in Hawaii and promoting  
30 education and understanding of traditional ahupua'a and moku  
31 management; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee submitted interim  
3 reports in 2008 and 2009, and a final report in 2011, to the  
4 Legislature identifying the Aha Moku system (i.e. a place-based  
5 management system utilizing Hawaii's traditional land districts)  
6 as the system of best management practices for Hawai'i's natural  
7 resources; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Committee, after conducting  
10 more than one hundred consultations with communities based on the  
11 ahupua'a and moku (traditional land districts) as delineated  
12 using the 1837 Kalama maps as a foundation guideline, identified  
13 five elements to the Aha Moku System of best practices:

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15 (1) Adaptive management;  
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17 (2) Code of conduct;  
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19 (3) Community consultation;  
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21 (4) Education; and  
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23 (5) Eligibility criteria for participating in natural  
24 resource management; and

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26 WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 23 (2011) was an extension of  
27 Act 212, Session Laws of Hawaii 2007, and Act 39, Session Laws  
28 of Hawaii 2009, tasking the Aha Ki'ole with determining the  
29 system of best practices for natural resource management; and

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31 WHEREAS, there was public support for the establishment  
32 of the Aha Ki'ole Advisory Commission and implementation of the  
33 Aha Moku system of natural resource management; and

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35 WHEREAS, the Legislature overwhelmingly approved and  
36 recommended final passage of Senate Bill No. 23 (2011), that  
37 established Aha Ki'ole as an advisory commission to the Department  
38 of Land and Natural Resources; and

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40 WHEREAS, after the Regular Session of 2011, the Governor  
41 vetoed Senate Bill No. 23 that would have established within  
42 the Department of Land and Natural Resources the Aha Ki'ole  
43 Advisory Commission; and

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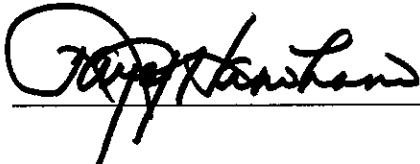


1           WHEREAS, the Aha Ki'ole and Moku Councils have addressed  
 2 the reasons for the Governor's veto of Senate Bill No. 23 (2011)  
 3 by working with the Legislature, Department of Land and Natural  
 4 Resources, and Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

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 6           WHEREAS, restoration of the Aha Moku System will serve to  
 7 remedy and restore Hawai'i's exhausted and abused environment  
 8 and ecosystem; now, therefore,

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 10           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 11 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 12 of 2012, that the Legislature recognizes and supports the  
 13 position of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs and urges  
 14 the Governor to support the development of the Aha Moku System  
 15 of natural resource management and establish the Aha Moku  
 16 Advisory Committee within the Department of Land and Natural  
 17 Resources to provide guidance in the management of natural  
 18 resources in Hawaii; and

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 20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the  
 22 Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Transportation;  
 23 Director of Health; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture;  
 24 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism;  
 25 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Chairperson of the  
 26 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and the  
 27 President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs.

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