
SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE COUNTY OF HAWAII TO CONTINUE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE PRIVATE LESSEE OF STATE LAND TO MUTUALLY CANCEL THE LEASE OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO OBTAIN A PUBLIC EASEMENT IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY TO ALLOW THE COUNTY TO PROCEED WITH ITS PLANS FOR THE WAIMEA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS TRAILHEAD AND COUNTY PARK.

1 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County
2 of Hawaii seek to acquire 17.6 acres of public land, identified
3 as Tax Map Key 6-6-001:010 in Lalamilo, to be used as a
4 trailhead and county park; and

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6 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County
7 of Hawaii are extremely interested in the subject land, as it
8 would allow the first phase of the Waimea Trails and Greenways
9 project to connect to Kawaihae Road at two places; and

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11 WHEREAS, the subject land is currently under lease to a
12 private party who has indicated that it would be willing to
13 exchange the subject land for another parcel; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Waimea Trails and Greenways project would
16 provide an alternative mode of transportation through the town
17 of Waimea, a safe place of recreation and exercise, and easy
18 access and enjoyment of public lands and resources; and

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20 WHEREAS, Waimea is in a beautiful setting surrounded by
21 private land with very limited public access hiking trails; and

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23 WHEREAS, walking and biking in Waimea must be done on a
24 high-speed cross island highway with heavy truck traffic; and

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26 WHEREAS, the trail effort was begun in 1994 as a community
27 based Waimea Main Street Project and continues to meet every
28 Monday to advocate for the trail; in 1995, the County of Hawaii
29 accepted it as a project under the Department of Parks and
30 Recreation; and

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1 WHEREAS, through community workdays and organizing
2 volunteers from local schools and other groups, the Waimea
3 Trails and Greenways Committee has cleared the corridor, removed
4 fallen trees from the trail way and stream, made wood chips, and
5 maintained the trail; and

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7 WHEREAS, the trail will connect people to the six schools
8 in the heart of Waimea, and the trail will also connect
9 churches, shopping centers, and parks in the urban core; and

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11 WHEREAS, the trail is used by office workers in the
12 buildings near the trail for exercise, contributing to a healthy
13 lifestyle, and was used by Tutu's House participants in their
14 health drive as a safe walking area; and

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16 WHEREAS, owners of non-motorized vehicles will have the
17 opportunity to leave their car and not pollute the environment;
18 now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
22 that the County of Hawaii is urged to continue negotiations with
23 the private lessee of state land identified as Tax Map Key 6-6-
24 001:010 to mutually cancel the lease or, alternatively, to
25 obtain a public easement in favor of the County to allow the
26 County to proceed with its plans for the Waimea Trails and
27 Greenways trailhead and county park; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
31 Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and
32 Waimea Trails and Greenways.

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