
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES TO ESTABLISH A LIPOA POINT MANAGEMENT COUNCIL.

1 WHEREAS, the new acquisition of Lipoa Point presents
2 significant challenges for the Department of Land and Natural
3 Resources regarding the management of a vast, porous, and
4 complex land; and

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6 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point consists of two hundred forty-four
7 acres of natural pristine land, forest, coastline, and open
8 space once used to grow pineapple; and

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10 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point includes an access trail to the
11 Honolulu-Mokuleia Bay marine life conservation district that is
12 heavily used by snorkelers, a heavily used unimproved access
13 road that leads to scenic views of the coastline, and trail
14 access used by many surfers; and

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16 WHEREAS, Lipoa Point's primary public value in its current
17 condition is as an open space with key access points to the
18 shoreline with associated cultural values, wildlife
19 preservation, and access to the ocean for recreational
20 opportunities; and

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22 WHEREAS, many issues arise with the acquisition of this new
23 parcel, such as public safety, security, sanitation, resource
24 protection, and appropriate land management; and

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26 WHEREAS, a master plan is critical in managing an area so
27 vast and with many competing public interests, and it requires
28 the coordination of several respective departmental divisions
29 and collaboration with community stakeholders; however, there is
30 no departmental division authorized with the collective
31 authority, skills, or responsibilities to ensure the best use of
32 Lipoa Point; and



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 2 WHEREAS, there are community resources available to assist
 3 in developing a community-based management plan to assist the
 4 Department of Land and Natural Resources and thereby minimize
 5 the outlay of resources dedicated to this project; and

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 7 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need for a master plan to
 8 provide the basis of management direction that balances the
 9 obligation to protect the quality of the waters, determine
 10 stakeholders' interests, and clearly define the ancillary long-
 11 term policies, goals, and costs associated with public use; now,
 12 therefore,

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 14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
 16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the
 17 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to establish
 18 the Lipoa Point Management Council to explore options to protect
 19 and preserve the area's condition, provide support for the
 20 community, preserve cultural and recreational access, and
 21 protect the pristine marine environment; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
 24 Land and Natural Resources appoint a Lipoa Point Management
 25 Council consisting of the following five members, or their
 26 respective designee, to serve a term of four years:

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 28 (1) The Mayor of the County of Maui;
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 30 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 31 Resources;
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 33 (3) A representative from the Hawaiian Islands Land Trust;
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 35 (4) A representative from the Save Honolulu Coalition; and
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 37 (5) A representative from the Aha Moku Council for Maui,
 38 established under section 171-4.5, Hawaii Revised
 39 Statutes, or from the native Hawaiian community; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members select a
 42 chairperson; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any entity developing,
3 accepting, or implementing any plan for the development of the
4 Lipoa Point area within the parcel of land acquired by the State
5 at Lipoa Point, identified as tax map key 2-4-1-001-010-0000
6 ("Lipoa Point District"), collaborate with and consider the
7 recommendations of the Lipoa Point Management Council; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any transfer of property in the
10 Lipoa Point area within the Lipoa Point District to any state or
11 county agency be upon the condition that the agency be required
12 to collaborate with and consider the recommendations of the
13 Lipoa Point Management Council in the development, acceptance,
14 and implementation of any plan for the transferred property; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council submit a report of
17 its activities to the Legislature no later than twenty days
18 prior to the convening of each regular session; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
22 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of the County of
23 Maui, Hawaiian Islands Land Trust, Save Honolua Coalition, and
24 Aha Moku Council for Maui.
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