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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO CONVENE A TASK  
FORCE TO WORK TOWARDS THE GOAL OF ERECTING AHUPUA'A BOUNDARY  
MARKER SIGNAGE ON ALL ISLANDS OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, according to historians, the concept of the  
2 ahupua'a was introduced by Hawaiian Chief Mā'ilikūkahī of Oahu in  
3 the thirteenth century for the purposes of resource management  
4 and sustainability, especially during times of drought and  
5 hardship; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the original Ko'olaupoko Ahupua'a Boundary Marker  
8 Project initiative began on the Windward side of Oahu as a  
9 collaborative effort to raise awareness about the cultural  
10 connection between people and their environment, helping  
11 residents of the island to understand which ahupua'a they live  
12 in; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has adopted  
15 standardized signs because of the Ko'olaupoko Ahupua'a Boundary  
16 Marker Project initiative and facilitated installation of these  
17 signs at several sites on Oahu; and  
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19           WHEREAS, ahupua'a are an important part of Hawaii's history  
20 and culture, and on all of the islands of Hawaii, residents and  
21 visitors to the islands alike can benefit from cultural  
22 awareness brought forth from the placement of ahupua'a markers  
23 and their promotion of environmental stewardship; and  
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25           WHEREAS, recognizing and restoring widespread use of the  
26 place names of Hawaii's ahupua'a allows the people of Hawaii an  
27 opportunity to reflect upon and perpetuate the traditional  
28 Hawaiian practices of sustainability and stewardship of land and  
29 ocean resources; now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
4 Transportation is requested to convene a task force to organize  
5 a statewide labeling of all ahupua'a, helping government agencies  
6 ensure the health and well-being of every community through  
7 community involvement and care of natural resources; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be comprised of  
10 the following:  
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- 12 (1) The Director of Transportation or the Director's  
13 designee;
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- 15 (2) One member representing the Hawaii Tourism Authority;  
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- 17 (3) One member representing the Office of Hawaiian  
18 Affairs;
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- 20 (4) One member representing Ka Huli Ao Center for  
21 Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law;  
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- 23 (5) One member representing the Ko'olaupoko Hawaii Civic  
24 Club;
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- 26 (6) One member representing the Association of Hawaiian  
27 Civic Clubs;
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- 29 (7) One member representing Kamehameha Schools;  
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- 31 (8) One member representing Hawai'inuiākea School of  
32 Hawaiian Knowledge at the University of Hawaii; and  
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- 34 (9) One member representing the Hawaii Visitors and  
35 Convention Bureau; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ahupua'a markers task force  
38 is requested to determine the best approach to erecting ahupua'a  
39 marker signage where appropriate on all major streets and  
40 highways on all islands of Hawaii, with particular focus on the  
41 neighbor islands; and

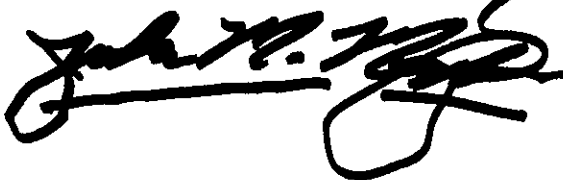



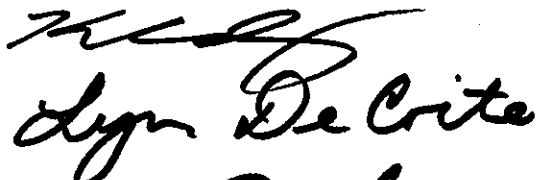
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ahupua'a markers task force  
 2 submit a report containing its findings and recommendations,  
 3 including proposed legislation, if any, to accomplish the goals  
 4 set forth in this measure to the Legislature no later than  
 5 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2017 Regular Session;  
 6 and

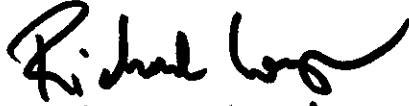
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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and Chief  
 10 Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, the Director  
 11 of Transportation, the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of  
 12 Hawaiian Affairs, the Director of Ka Huli Ao Center for  
 13 Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, the President of the  
 14 Ko'olaupoko Hawaii Civic Club, the Chief Executive Officer of  
 15 Kamehameha Schools, the Dean of Hawai'inuiākea School of Hawaiian  
 16 Knowledge at the University of Hawaii, and the Chair of the  
 17 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Visitors and Convention Bureau.  
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