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# SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL POLICYMAKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF  
HONOLULU TO SUPPORT THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES  
PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION OF OHIKILOLO.

1 WHEREAS, more than six hundred acres of former ranchland in  
2 Ohikilolo on O'ahu have been considered as a possible landfill,  
3 golf course, and luxury subdivision; and  
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5 WHEREAS, in a 1994 archaeological study of Ohikilolo  
6 entitled, "Archaeological Investigation of Lowland Kea'au Valley  
7 on the Leeward Coast of Oahu", conducted by the International  
8 Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., researchers recorded  
9 four hundred sixty-one sites in just sixty acres of Ohikilolo  
10 and stated that the area surveyed should be recommended to the  
11 National Registry of Historic Places; and  
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13 WHEREAS, there is speculation that more archaeological  
14 sites exist in other areas of Ohikilolo; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the kupu ka aina and native Hawaiian families of  
17 the Waianae coast consider Ohikilolo to be part of Kanehunamoku,  
18 the sacred lands of Kane, the Hawaiian sun deity, and believe  
19 that La'ila'i, the first human, was born in this valley; and  
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21 WHEREAS, in the Kumulipo, the Hawaiian creation story,  
22 La'ila'i becomes the mother of the Hawaiian race; and  
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24 WHEREAS, Ohikilolo and Kea'au Valley represent a complete  
25 ka'ananiau, a land district stretching from the mountains to the  
26 sea; and  
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28 WHEREAS, after being deeded to a servant of Kamehameha I,  
29 Ohikilolo was used for much of its history as a ranch, and due  
30 to its vast amount of land, a Japanese corporation has been  
31 interested in turning it into a golf course, and similarly, the  
32 City and County of Honolulu has considered using the land as a  
33 dumping facility; and



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2 WHEREAS, currently, parts of Ohikilolo are the property of  
3 the Pickering family of Arizona; and  
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5 WHEREAS, possible development in Ohikilolo by the Pickering  
6 family has been an issue for approximately eight years; and  
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8 WHEREAS, in 2007, according to property documents, Robert  
9 Pickering acquired, for \$3,800,000, seven hundred thirty-five  
10 acres of land in Ohikilolo and the surrounding area zoned as  
11 AG-2 land; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Pickering family had the idea to put  
14 a luxury housing development on the property; and  
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16 WHEREAS, according to Tim Pickering, the land was never  
17 developed because he could not find any investors, nor could he  
18 negotiate retrofitting the area with roads and adding sewer  
19 lines; and  
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21 WHEREAS, to date, Mr. Pickering has not filed for any  
22 building permits or conditional use permits for Ohikilolo; and  
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24 WHEREAS, area residents were worried when they recently  
25 discovered a \$3,500,000 real estate listing from Chaney Brooks  
26 and Company for the sixty acres that include most of the  
27 archaeological sites; however, representatives of the real  
28 estate company stated that the listing is from roughly six years  
29 ago and the property is no longer publicly on the market; and  
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31 WHEREAS, in March 2017, residents worried that Makaha La,  
32 another development advertised online and in the Honolulu Star-  
33 Advertiser, would stretch into Ohikilolo; and  
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35 WHEREAS, in 2017, community members formed a group known as  
36 "Friends of Ohikilolo" dba Na Kia'i No Kanehunamoku, which has  
37 registered as a non-profit pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the  
38 United States Internal Revenue Code, with the aim to preserve  
39 the Leeward Oahu coastline from Kepuhi Point to Ka'ena Point; and  
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41 WHEREAS, to protect the entirety of Ohikilolo, Friends of  
42 Ohikilolo has suggested the State conduct a Traditional Cultural



1 Properties study, which goes beyond analyzing physical features  
2 and includes the cultural significance of an area; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Friends of Ohikilolo aims to preserve Ohikilolo as  
5 an open space, which is consistent with the Waianae Sustainable  
6 Communities Plan; now, therefore,  
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,  
10 that all policymakers and residents of the City and County of  
11 Honolulu are urged to support the Waianae Sustainable  
12 Communities Plan; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all policymakers and residents  
15 of the City and County of Honolulu are urged to support the  
16 preservation of Ohikilolo as an open space; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
20 Land and Natural Resources, Chief Executive Officer of the  
21 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of the Land Use  
22 Commission, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation  
23 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
24 Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of  
25 Honolulu, Chair of the Honolulu County Council, Chair of the  
26 Waianae Neighborhood Board, Friends of Ohikilolo, and Pickering  
27 Family.

