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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO PROPOSE A COMMUNITY-BASED  
STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM FOR POLIHALE STATE PARK ON THE ISLAND  
OF KAUAI.

1           WHEREAS, Polihale State Park, located on the west to  
2 northwest end of Kauai, possesses a large expanse of sand and  
3 shoreline against a background of sand dunes that, together with  
4 other areas of the park, are known to contain the remains of  
5 native Hawaiian burials; and

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7           WHEREAS, beach goers and park users reportedly drive their  
8 motor vehicles and recreational vehicles on the sand and among  
9 the dunes for camping, boating, and recreational purposes; and

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11           WHEREAS, overuse and abuse of the beach and camping area  
12 led the Department of Land and Natural Resources to shut down  
13 the park in the summer of 2020; and

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15           WHEREAS, community discussions about the future management  
16 of the park include a stewardship agreement to cover issues such  
17 as capital improvement projects to protect the dunes and entry  
18 road from damage, facilitating access to the park, improving  
19 parking conditions, and properly maintaining camping areas; and

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21           WHEREAS, these discussions also include ways to mitigate  
22 the concerns raised by the lineal and cultural descendant  
23 families who have burial sites in the area; now, therefore,

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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
26 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
27 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
28 and Natural Resources is requested to establish a task force to  
29 propose a community-based stewardship program to address



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1 capacity access, fishing, surfing, and vehicle use for Polihale  
2 State Park on Kauai; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
5 Natural Resources is requested to invite the following persons  
6 to serve on the task force:

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8 (1) An official from the Office of the Governor;

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10 (2) Members of the Legislature;

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12 (3) Staff from its own department;

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14 (4) An official from the Office of the Mayor of the County  
15 of Kauai; and

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17 (5) Residents of the County of Kauai; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Department of Land and Natural  
20 Resources is requested to report the task force's findings and  
21 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
22 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
23 the Regular Session of 2022; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board  
27 of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY:                                 *Mrs. D. A. J.*                                  
**By Request**

