
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO FORM
THE KAPUA LANDS CONSORTIUM TO ASSESS THE BEST WAY TO
ACQUIRE THE LANDS OF KAPUA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua on the island of Hawaii are a
2 scenic wonder with breathtaking shoreline views; and
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4 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua comprise at least 7,000 acres
5 in South Kona that are classified as agricultural or
6 conservation land; and
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8 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua were purchased by Honomalino
9 Agricultural Company from Bishop Estates then sold to multiple
10 owners until being acquired by South Kona LLC from One Keahole
11 Partners; and
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13 WHEREAS, the South Kona LLC website describes the lands of
14 Kapua as a desirable location for an exotic vacation retreat and
15 vacation home ownership where "traditional Hawaiian language,
16 dance, music, and craftsmanship thrive" and as "a haven where
17 modern and ancient are interwoven, a place still sparsely
18 populated and open to discovery"; and
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20 WHEREAS, the lands of Kapua are currently slated for
21 development by South Kona LLC, who has so far developed the
22 Ko Olina Resort on Oahu and Princeville at Hanalei; and
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24 WHEREAS, the State should seek to acquire Kapua in the
25 interest of preserving the area's diminishing pristine condition
26 for future generations while ensuring the preservation of
27 agriculture and the prudent economic development of the area;
28 now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of



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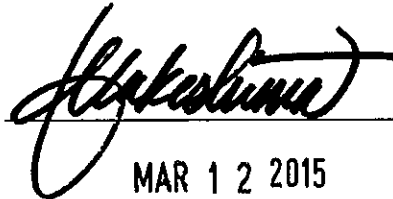
1 Land and Natural Resources is requested to form the Kapua Lands
2 Consortium to assess the best way to acquire the lands of Kapua
3 on the island of Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
6 Natural Resources form the Kapua Lands Consortium in
7 consultation with The Trust for Public Land Hawaii Advisory
8 Board and The Nature Conservancy of Hawai'i, and that the
9 consortium be limited to five members who represent
10 organizations whose mission is to conserve, protect, and steward
11 land or to preserve natural resources and Native Hawaiian
12 customs and practices or improve the well-being of Native
13 Hawaiians; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kapua Lands Consortium work
16 with the Legislative Reference Bureau to draft legislation prior
17 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2016; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
21 Board of Land and Natural Resources, The Trust for Public Land
22 Hawaii Advisory Board, and Executive Director of The Nature
23 Conservancy of Hawai'i.
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OFFERED BY:


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