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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO  
CONVENE A MAKUA VALLEY TASK FORCE TO PREPARE FOR THE  
TRANSITION OF THE MANAGEMENT OF THE MAKUA MILITARY  
RESERVATION FROM THE UNITED STATES ARMY TO THE STATE.

1           WHEREAS, Makua Valley on Oahu was seized by the United  
2 States military for training following the attack on Pearl  
3 Harbor on December 7, 1941; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Hawaiian, Japanese, and Portuguese families living  
6 in Makua Valley were evicted from their lands, with the promise  
7 that the displacement would be temporary and their lands would  
8 be cleaned up and returned; and  
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10           WHEREAS, instead, Makua Valley remained under the  
11 management of the United States Army and continued to be the  
12 site of decades of live-fire military training; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Makua Military Reservation spans nearly five  
15 thousand acres and is home to over forty endangered and  
16 threatened species and dozens of sacred and cultural sites; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in December 2023, the United States Department of  
19 Defense confirmed that it would permanently end live-fire  
20 training in Makua Valley; and  
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22           WHEREAS, under the terms of a 2001 settlement, the military  
23 has not conducted live-fire training at Makua Valley since 2004;  
24 however, the court filing removed the threat that Makua would  
25 ever again be subjected to live-fire training; and  
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27           WHEREAS, management of the Makua Military Reservation will  
28 transfer from the United States Army to the State when General  
29 Lease No. S-3848 expires in 2029; and



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WHEREAS, the creation of a task force would facilitate conversations necessary to prepare for the transition of the management of the Makua Military Reservation from the United States Army to the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is requested to convene a Makua Valley Task Force to prepare for the transition of the management of the Makua Military Reservation from the United States Army to the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Makua Valley Task Force is requested to consist of the following members:

- (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
- (2) A member of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the member's designee;
- (3) A member of the House of Representatives, to be selected by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
- (4) A member of the Senate, to be selected by the President of the Senate; and
- (5) A member of the Aha Moku Advisory Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to invite representatives of the following organizations to serve on the task force:

- (1) One representative of families who were evicted from Makua Valley or whose lands in Makua Valley were condemned by the federal government;



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1 (2) Three representatives, each representing a different  
2 non-profit organization, with expertise on Makua  
3 Valley; and  
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5 (3) A representative selected from a list provided by  
6 native Hawaiian organizations; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
9 invite the Commanding General of the United States Army Pacific,  
10 or the Commanding General's designee, to serve as a military  
11 representative on the task force; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
14 elect a chairperson from among themselves; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in preparing for the transition  
17 of the management of the Makua Military Reservation from the  
18 United States Army, the task force is requested to enter into  
19 discussions with the United States Army to:  
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21 (1) Facilitate the expedient return of the Makua Military  
22 Reservation upon the expiration of the United States  
23 Army's lease;  
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25 (2) Ensure the clean-up of unexploded ordnance; and  
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27 (3) Ensure the expansion of opportunities for cultural  
28 access; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
31 base its plans and policies for transition on the goal of  
32 transferring the lands currently held by the United States Army  
33 under General Lease No. S-3848 to the State, which shall:  
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35 (1) Hold the lands in trust as part of the public land  
36 trust; and  
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38 (2) Transfer management and control of the lands to the  
39 sovereign native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition  
40 by the United States and the State; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force shall  
 2 serve without compensation, but shall be reimbursed for  
 3 reasonable expenses necessary for the performance of their  
 4 duties, including travel expenses; and

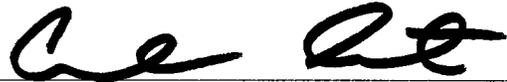
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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
 7 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
 8 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
 9 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
 10 2025; and

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 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall cease to  
 13 exist six months after the August 16, 2029, expiration of the  
 14 United States Army's lease for the Makua Military Reservation  
 15 under General Lease No. S-3848; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Commanding Officer  
 19 of the United States Army Pacific, Chairperson of the Board of  
 20 Land and Natural Resources, and Executive Director of the Aha  
 21 Moku Advisory Committee.

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