
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO PROTECT
THE ENDANGERED HAWAIIAN STILT BY REQUIRING AN ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACT STATEMENT FOR THE PROPOSED MAINTENANCE DREDGING OF
HAWAII KAI MARINA.

1 WHEREAS, Kuapa Pond was once a five hundred twenty-three-
2 acre fish pond and wetland and was home to the now-endangered
3 Hawaiian Stilt, the Ae'ō; and
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5 WHEREAS, Kuapa Pond was dredged decades ago to create the
6 Hawaii Kai Marina, but no measures were taken at that time to
7 mitigate the impact on Hawaiian water birds; and
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9 WHEREAS, the small island known as Rim Island No. 2 in the
10 Hawaii Kai Marina is the last wetland in what was formerly Kuapa
11 Pond; and
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13 WHEREAS, endangered Hawaiian Stilts have returned to feed
14 and nest on Rim Island No. 2 after an absence of forty years;
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17 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association is
18 seeking permits for further maintenance dredging of the Hawaii
19 Kai Marina which includes a plan to fill the Rim Island No. 2
20 wetland with dredge spoil material; and
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22 WHEREAS, using Rim Island No. 2 in this manner threatens
23 the only secure nesting site for Hawaiian Stilts in the area
24 from Pearl Harbor to Kailua; and
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26 WHEREAS, it is the State's policy to protect endangered
27 island wildlife; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
 2 been or will soon be asked to process a dredging permit for the
 3 marina maintenance dredging; and
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5 WHEREAS, there has not been a full public identification
 6 and review of available alternatives and mitigation measures to
 7 protect the endangered Hawaiian Stilts now feeding and nesting
 8 on Rim Island No. 2; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 12 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
 13 Land and Natural Resources is urged to require preparation of an
 14 environmental impact statement for the dredging and filling of
 15 Rim Island No. 2 in accordance with chapter 343, Hawaii Revised
 16 Statutes; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 20 Board of Land and Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the
 21 Hawaii Kai Marina Community Association Board of Directors; the
 22 U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region; the U.S. Army
 23 Corps of Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Honolulu District; and
 24 the President of the Hawaii Audubon Society.
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