
HOUSE 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`o; 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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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources has
30 been or will soon be asked to process a dredging permit for the
31 marina maintenance dredging; and
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1 WHEREAS, there has not been a full public identification
 2 and review of available alternatives and mitigation measures to
 3 protect the endangered Hawaiian Stilts now feeding and nesting
 4 on Rim Island No. 2; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 8 Session of 2007, that the Department of Land and Natural
 9 Resources is urged to require preparation of an environmental
 10 impact statement for the dredging and filling of Rim Island No.
 11 2 in accordance with chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 14 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 15 Land and Natural Resources; the Chairperson of the Hawaii Kai
 16 Marina Community Association Board of Directors; the U.S. Fish
 17 and Wildlife Service, Pacific Region; the U.S. Army Corps of
 18 Engineers, Regulatory Branch, Honolulu District; and the
 19 President of the Hawaii Audubon Society.

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