
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE TRANSFER OF PU'U O KAPOLEI FROM THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU TO THE HISTORIC PRESERVATION DIVISION OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, Pu'u o Kapolei, which means "the hill of the
2 beloved Kapo," is said to be the single most sacred, important,
3 and largest heiau in all of the Ahupua'a of Honouliuli; and
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5 WHEREAS, Pu'u o Kapolei's significance lies in its
6 historical function as a landmark along the trail where
7 Farrington Highway now runs, to travelers in the old days; and
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9 WHEREAS, Pu'u o Kapolei also served as the residence of
10 Kamaunuanoho, Kamapuaa's grandmother; and
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12 WHEREAS, Pu'u o Kapolei is also known as the marker for the
13 "change of the seasons" and was used by ancient Polynesians as a
14 site of solar observation to mark the beginning and ending of
15 seasons; and
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17 WHEREAS, Pu'u o Kapolei was also the site of the Makahiki
18 Games during the rule of Kualii Mo'i; and
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20 WHEREAS, during and after World War II, Pu'u o Kapolei, then
21 called Fort Barrette, was used to house canon batteries to
22 defend Oahu from attack; and
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24 WHEREAS, Fort Barrette is no longer used by the military,
25 and the site should be preserved for its cultural and historical
26 importance; and
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28 WHEREAS, recent urban development in the Kapolei area
29 threatens to encroach upon the Pu'u o Kapolei/Fort Barrette site;
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WHEREAS, cultural and historical resource preservation is consistent with the statutory responsibility of the Historic Preservation Division (Division) of the Department of Land and Natural Resources, and to more effectively and efficiently preserve Pu'u o Kapolei as a cultural and historical resource, it should be managed by the Division as part of its historic preservation program; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to transfer management responsibilities for Pu'u o Kapolei to the Division; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Mayor and Chairperson of the Board of Parks and Recreation of the City and County of Honolulu, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division, and the Governor of the State of Hawaii.

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