
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO WALKING TRAILS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature recognizes the importance of
2 walking trails as part of Hawaii's natural resources and
3 cultural heritage. The Alaloe trail on the island of Maui, also
4 known as the King's Highway, is an ancient trail that encircled
5 the island of Maui, connecting villages and heiaus scattered on
6 Maui's coastal areas. King Pi'ilani, a fourteenth-century chief
7 of East Maui and the Hana districts, began the construction of
8 the Alaloe trail, which was completed by his son. Stretching
9 more than one hundred thirty-eight miles around Maui, it became
10 the only ancient highway to encircle the coastline of any of the
11 Hawaiian islands. A Hawaiian elder, Eddie Pu, has walked the
12 entire Pi'ilani trail, as it is known today, for the past thirty
13 years as a spiritual quest that renews and reconnects him to the
14 life and energy of the land and his ancestors.

15 The purpose of this Act is to request the Na Ala Hele
16 program under the department of land and natural resources to
17 conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Pi'ilani



1 trail from Makena to Kapalua as an important Hawaiian coastal
2 cultural heritage corridor and opening the trail for public use.

3 SECTION 2. (a) The na ala hele program under the
4 department of land and natural resources shall conduct a
5 feasibility and cost study of designating the Pi'ilani trail from
6 Makena to Kapalua as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural
7 heritage corridor, and the repair and preservation of the trail
8 for public use.

9 (b) The study shall include the following:

10 (1) An inventory, mapping, and safety assessment of the
11 trail;

12 (2) Feasibility of opening the trail for public use,
13 including obtaining input from private landowners
14 adjacent to and nearby the trail; and

15 (3) A cost assessment for the State to repair, to acquire
16 any land for, and to maintain the trail for public use
17 and designate it as a cultural heritage corridor.

18 (c) The na ala hele program shall use its own funds to
19 conduct the feasibility and cost study of the Pi'ilani trail.

20 (d) The na ala hele program shall submit a written report
21 to the legislature of its findings and recommendations,



1 including a proposed budget, no later than twenty days prior to
2 the convening of the 2008 regular session.

3 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2007.



Report Title:

Walking Trails; Pi'ilani Trail; Feasibility Study

Description:

Request the Na Ala Hele program under the department of land and natural resources to conduct a study on the feasibility of designating the Pi'ilani trail from Makena to Kapalua as an important Hawaiian coastal cultural heritage corridor and opening the trail to the public. (SD1)

