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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE MAKENA-KEONEOIO GOVERNMENT ROAD.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Ahihi-Kinau area  
2 on Maui's southwest flank, which contains the most recent lava  
3 flow from Haleakala, was the first designated natural area  
4 reserve in the State, back in June 1973. The natural area  
5 reserve contains numerous ancient Hawaiian archaeological and  
6 cultural sites; fragile anchialine ponds, containing endangered  
7 endemic aquatic species; and isolated coves, small bays, and  
8 coral reefs, containing numerous species of marine fauna,  
9 including fish, crustaceans, corals, and aquatic vegetation.

10           The Makena-Keoneoio government road that traverses the  
11 natural area reserve permits uncontrolled public access to the  
12 natural area reserve. Further, publicity of the natural area  
13 reserve and its many resources in travel books and journals is  
14 attracting hundreds of visitors from all over the world every  
15 day. This influx of visitors is having an enormous negative  
16 impact on the natural area reserve and its resources.



1           The purpose of this Act is to establish that  
2 Makena-Keoneoio government road is under the jurisdiction of the  
3 department of land and natural resources and is to be used as an  
4 access road to the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.

5           SECTION 2. Chapter 195, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
6 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
7 and to read as follows:

8           "§195-           Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve; Makena-  
9 Keoneoio government road. (a) The department of land and  
10 natural resources shall have exclusive jurisdiction of the  
11 Makena-Keoneoio government road.

12           (b) Public access to the Makena-Keoneoio government road  
13 where it traverses the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve shall be  
14 prohibited, except for:

- 15           (1) Legal residents of the area who require access to  
16           their residences using the road;  
17           (2) State and county officials and employees requiring  
18           access for the maintenance of the road and the  
19           maintenance of the natural area reserve and its  
20           resources; and



1        (3) Persons who are permitted into the natural area  
2        reserve pursuant to administrative rules adopted by  
3        the department of land and natural resources."

4        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

5        SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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**Report Title:**

Natural Area Reserve System; Makena-Keoneoio Road

**Description:**

Establishes that Makena-Keoneoio government road is under the jurisdiction of the department of land and natural resources and is to be used as an access road to the Ahihi-Kinau natural area reserve.

