H.C.R. NO. 226

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT ORDINANCES IDENTIFYING AND PROTECTING CULTURALLY VALUABLE SITES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii includes more than 10,932 square miles of land, with a unique culture found nowhere else on earth, and much of this land is held in ownership by the federal government, the State, corporate entities, and private individuals; and

WHEREAS, throughout the State there remain certain lands that retain special cultural value, usually in rural areas and often containing culturally valuable sites and resources, both tangible and intangible; and

WHEREAS, some of these culturally special lands are found in Hana, Lahaina, and Keanae on the island of Maui; Halawa and Milolii on the island of Hawaii; the islands of Molokai, Lanai, and Kahoolawe; Waiahole, Waikane, and Kahana on the island of Oahu; and Hanalei and Hanapepe on the island of Kauai; and

WHEREAS, these culturally valuable lands sustain and support native Hawaiian lifestyles and traditions; and

WHEREAS, these valuable lands include native Hawaiian gathering areas; areas where native Hawaiian agricultural uses, such as taro cultivation, are perpetuated; and lands where native Hawaiian activities, such as fishpond cultivation and limu gathering, are practiced; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that each of the counties are requested to adopt ordinances identifying and protecting these culturally valuable sites; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of the Council of each county.

OFFERED BY:

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