HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 314

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO NEGOTIATE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OWNERS OF MOLOKAI RANCH TO EXCHANGE STATE LANDS FOR MOLOKAI RANCH LANDS.

WHEREAS, Molokai Ranch encompasses about fifty-three 1 thousand acres, or roughly one-third of the entire island of 2 Molokai; and 3 4

. WHEREAS, Molokai Ranch, which closed in 2008, was a 5 6 significant economic driver for Molokai's small population and 7 rural lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the closure of Molokai Ranch put one hundred 9 twenty of Molokai's seven thousand five hundred residents out of 10 work; and 11

WHEREAS, the State is interested in acquiring the Molokai 13 Ranch property from its current owners, Molokai Properties, 14 Ltd., but would like to exchange certain state-owned lands for 15 the Molokai Ranch lands; now, therefore, 16

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 18 19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is urged to 20 negotiate an agreement with the owners of Molokai Ranch to 21 22 exchange state lands for the Molokai Ranch property; and 23

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 24 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the President of Molokai Properties, Ltd. 26

OFFERED BY: Mileanal

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