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

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES NAVY TO DESIGNATE A PORTION OF THE WAIPIO PENINSULA SOUTH OF WAIPAHU DEPOT ROAD AS A STATE PARK.

WHEREAS, parks and open recreational spaces positively 1 affect the health and vibrancy of a community; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the people of Waipahu do not have a state park in their own community and are thus deprived of the positive 5 benefits of having a place for their children to play, the 6 7 elderly to relax, and the entire community to enjoy and call 8 their own; and 9 WHEREAS, the closest state park located outside of Waipahu 10 is in central Oahu and Kaena Point; and 11 12 WHEREAS, in the Waipio peninsula south of Waipahu Depot 13 Road, there is an undisclosed amount of unused acreage owned by 14 the U.S. Navy, which could be developed into a beautiful state 15 park for the benefit of the people of Waipahu and other 16 communities around the state; and 17 18 WHEREAS, these lands rightfully belong to the people of 19 20 Waipahu and the State of Hawaii; and 21 WHEREAS, West Loch has been polluted with fuel and 22 discarded naval ships, with their concomitant rust and debris; 23 and 24 25 WHEREAS, naval ships have destroyed coral ecosystems, which 26 27 has denied the community recreational access to Pearl Harbor and 28 the Waipahu Coastline; and

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1 WHEREAS, the noise of jets has disturbed this bedroom 2 community while increased traffic congestion has made commuting 3 to downtown Honolulu a daily nightmare; and 4 WHEREAS, a community park would help ameliorate this damage 5 6 and compensate the Waipahu and Ewa community for the 7 environmental harm that has been caused; now, therefore, 8 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 10 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the U.S. Navy is urged to 11 gift a minimum of one hundred acres of land south of Waipahu 12 13 Depot Road on the Waipio peninsula to the people of Waipahu and to the State of Hawaii to be transformed into a state park for 14 all to enjoy; and 15 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the 18 United States, Hawaii's Congressional delegation, Under-19 Secretary of the Navy, the Commander of the United States 20 Pacific Command, the Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-21 Hickam, the Governor of the State of Hawaii, and the Mayor of 22 23 the City and County of Honolulu. 24

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