HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO REGISTER THE ACCRETED LANDS ALONG THE WAIPIO PENINSULA SHORELINE IN WAIPAHU AS STATE PROPERTY FOR PROSPECTIVE USE AS A STATE PARK.

1 WHEREAS, over the years, the extreme high water mark of the 2 Waipahu shoreline coupled with mud and silt from two feeder 3 streams from upland Waipahu has gradually changed, creating 4 accreted lands; and 5

6 WHEREAS, there now exists unclaimed accreted lands in7 Waipahu along the Waipio Peninsula shoreline; and

9 WHEREAS, by comparative size analysis, these accreted lands 10 are approximately over 200 acres; and

12 WHEREAS, section 501-33, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states 13 that no applicant other than the State shall register land 14 accreted along the ocean, except that a private property owner 15 whose eroded land has been restored by accretion may file an 16 accretion claim to regain title to the restored portion; and

18 WHEREAS, section 171-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, defines 19 "accreted lands" as lands formed by the gradual accumulation of 20 land on a beach or shore along the ocean by the action of 21 natural forces; and

WHEREAS, the accreted lands along the Waipio Peninsula, and
Waipahu shorelines, which are currently unused and without a Tax
Map Key, should be designated as a state park reserve to be
later designated as the Waipahu Shoreline Park for the community
to enjoy; and

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WHEREAS, parks and open recreational spaces positively 1 2 affect the health and vibrancy of a community; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the people of Waipahu do not have such a space, 5 and are deprived of the positive benefits of having a place for their children to play, the elderly to relax, and the entire 6 7 community to enjoy and call their own; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the closest state parks are located outside of 10 Waipahu in central Oahu and at Kaena Point, and are distant and inconvenient to Waipahu residents; now, therefore, 11 12 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 14 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the 15 Department of Land and Natural Resources to register the 16 17 accreted lands along the Waipio Peninsula and Waipahu shorelines 18 as state property for prospective use as a state park in the 19 future; and 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 21 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of 22 23 the City and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Chairperson of the Waipahu 24 25 Neighborhood Board. 26 27 Hires 28 aboulta

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