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SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO
LEASE CERTAIN PUBLIC LANDS TO THE COUNTY OF HAWAII AND
WAIMEA TRAILS AND GREENWAYS TO BE USED AS A TRAILHEAD AND
COUNTY PARK.

1 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County
2 of Hawaii seek to acquire 17.6 acres of public land, identified
3 as Tax Map Key 6-6-001:010 in Lalamilo to be used as a trailhead
4 and county park; and

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6 WHEREAS, Waimea Trails and Greenways project and the County
7 of Hawaii are extremely interested in the subject land, as it
8 would allow the first phase of the Waimea Trails and Greenways
9 project to connect to Kawaiahae Road at two places; and

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11 WHEREAS, the subject land is currently under lease to a
12 private party who has indicated that it would be willing to
13 exchange the subject land for another parcel; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Waimea Trails and Greenways project would
16 provide an alternative mode of transportation through the town
17 of Waimea, a safe place of recreation and exercise, and easy
18 access and enjoyment of public lands and resources; and

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20 WHEREAS, Waimea is in a beautiful setting surrounded by
21 private land with very limited public access hiking trails; and

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23 WHEREAS, walking and biking in Waimea must be done on a
24 high-speed cross island highway with heavy truck traffic; and

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26 WHEREAS, the trail effort was begun in 1994 as a community
27 based Waimea Main Street Project and continues to meet every
28 Monday to advocate for the trail; in 1995, the County of Hawaii
29 accepted it as a project under the Department of Parks and
30 Recreation; and

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32 WHEREAS, through community workdays and organizing
33 volunteers from local schools and other groups, the Waimea
34 Trails and Greenways Committee has cleared the corridor, removed



1 fallen trees from the trail way and stream, made wood chips, and
2 maintained the trail; and
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4 WHEREAS, the trail will connect people to the six schools
5 in the heart of Waimea, and the trail will also connect
6 churches, shopping centers, and parks in the urban core; and
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8 WHEREAS, the trail is used by office workers in the
9 buildings near the trail for exercise, contributing to a healthy
10 lifestyle, and was used by Tutu's House participants in their
11 health drive as a safe walking area; and
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13 WHEREAS, owners of non-motorized vehicles will have the
14 opportunity to leave their car and not pollute the environment;
15 now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
19 that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is encouraged
20 to lease public land identified as Tax Map Key 6-6-001:010 to
21 the County of Hawaii and Waimea Trails and Greenways project to
22 allow for the land to be used as a trailhead and county park;
23 and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Hawaii
27 and Waimea Trails and Greenways.
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OFFERED BY: _____

