
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL POLICYMAKERS AND RESIDENTS OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU TO SUPPORT THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES
PLAN AND THE PRESERVATION OF OHIKILOLO.

1 WHEREAS, more than six hundred acres of former ranchland in
2 Ohikilolo on O'ahu have been considered as a possible landfill,
3 golf course, and luxury subdivision; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 1994, an archaeological study of Ohikilolo
6 entitled, "Archaeological Investigation of Lowland Kea'au Valley
7 on the Leeward Coast of Oahu", conducted by the International
8 Archaeological Research Institute, Inc., researchers recorded
9 four hundred sixty-one sites in just sixty acres of Ohikilolo
10 and stated that the area surveyed should be recommended to the
11 National Registry of Historic Places; and
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13 WHEREAS, there is speculation that more archaeological
14 sites exist in other areas of Ohikilolo; and
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16 WHEREAS, the native Hawaiian families of the Waianae coast
17 consider Ohikilolo to be part of Kanehunamoku, the sacred lands
18 of Kane, the Hawaiian sun deity, and believe that La'ila'i, the
19 first human, was born in this valley; and
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21 WHEREAS, in the Kumulipo, the Hawaiian creation story,
22 La'ila'i becomes the mother of the Hawaiian race; and
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24 WHEREAS, Ohikilolo and Kea'au Valley represent a complete
25 ahupua'a, a land district stretching from the mountains to the
26 sea; and
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28 WHEREAS, after being deeded to a servant of Kamehameha I,
29 Ohikilolo was used for much of its history as a ranch, and due
30 to its vast amount of land, a Japanese corporation has been
31 interested in turning it into a golf course, and similarly, the
32 City and County of Honolulu has considered using the land as a
33 dumping facility; and



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2 WHEREAS, currently, parts of Ohikilolo are the property of
3 the Pickering family of Arizona; and
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5 WHEREAS, possible development in Ohikilolo by the Pickering
6 family has been an issue for approximately eight years; and
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8 WHEREAS, in 2007, according to property documents, Robert
9 Pickering acquired, for \$3,800,000, seven hundred thirty-five
10 acres of land in Ohikilolo and the surrounding area zoned as
11 AG-2 land; and
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13 WHEREAS, in 2010, the Pickering family had the idea to put
14 a luxury housing development on the property; and
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16 WHEREAS, according to Tim Pickering, the land was never
17 developed because he could not find any investors, nor could he
18 negotiate retrofitting the area with roads and adding sewer
19 lines; and
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21 WHEREAS, to date, Mr. Pickering has not filed for any
22 building permits or conditional use permits for Ohikilolo; and
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24 WHEREAS, area residents were worried when they recently
25 discovered a \$3,500,000 real estate listing from Chaney Brooks
26 and Company for the sixty acres that include most of the
27 archaeological sites; however, representatives of the real
28 estate company stated that the listing is from roughly six years
29 ago and the property is no longer publicly on the market; and
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31 WHEREAS, in March 2017, residents worried that Makaha La,
32 another development advertised online and in the Honolulu Star-
33 Advertiser, would stretch into Ohikilolo; and
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35 WHEREAS, in 2017, community members formed a group known as
36 "Friends of Ohikilolo", which has plans to register as a non-
37 profit pursuant to section 501(c)(3) of the United States
38 Internal Revenue Code, with the aim to preserve the Leeward,
39 Oahu coastline from Kepuhi Point to Ka'ena Point; and
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41 WHEREAS, to protect the entirety of Ohikilolo, Friends of
42 Ohikilolo has suggested the State conduct a Traditional Cultural



1 Properties study, which goes beyond analyzing physical features
2 and includes the cultural significance of an area; and
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4 WHEREAS, Friends of Ohikilolo aims to preserve Ohikilolo as
5 an open space, which is consistent with the Waianae Sustainable
6 Communities Plan; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
10 that all policymakers and residents of the City and County of
11 Honolulu are urged to support the Waianae Sustainable
12 Communities Plan; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all policymakers and residents
15 of the City and County of Honolulu are urged to support the
16 preservation of Ohikilolo as an open space; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
20 Land and Natural Resources, Chief Executive Officer of the
21 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chairperson of the Land Use
22 Commission, Administrator of the State Historic Preservation
23 Division of the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
24 Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of
25 Honolulu, Chair of the County Council of the City and County of
26 Honolulu, Chair of the Waianae Neighborhood Board, Friends of
27 Ohikilolo, and Pickering Family.

