
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO FEDERAL LANDS.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. (a) There is established within the department
2 of land and natural resources for administrative purposes a
3 Makua valley task force to prepare for the transfer of the
4 management of the Makua military reservation from the United
5 States Army when General Lease No. S-3848 expires.

6 (b) The Makua valley task force shall consist of the
7 chairperson of the board of land and natural resources, or the
8 chairperson's designee, and a member of the board of trustees of
9 the office of Hawaiian affairs, or a designee, who shall invite
10 the following persons to be members of the task force:

11 (1) A representative of the legislature;

12 (2) A representative of families who were evicted from the
13 Makua valley reserve or whose lands in the Makua
14 valley reserve were condemned by the federal
15 government;

16 (3) A representative of the aha moku advisory committee;



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(4) Three representatives, each representing a different non-profit organization, having expertise on Makua valley; and

(5) A representative selected from a list provided by Native Hawaiian organizations.

The task force shall also invite the commanding officer of the United States Army Pacific, or the commanding officer's designee, to serve as a military representative.

(c) The members of the task force shall elect a chairperson from among themselves.

(d) In preparing for the transition of the management of the Makua military reservation away from the United States Army, the task force shall enter into discussions with the United States Army to:

(1) Facilitate the expedient return of the Makua valley reserve upon the expiration of the United States Army's lease;

(2) Ensure the clean-up of unexploded ordnance; and

(3) Ensure the expansion of opportunities for cultural access.



1 (e) The task force shall base its plans and policies on
2 the timely transfer of the lands currently held by the United
3 States Army under General Lease No. S-3848 to the State, which
4 shall:

5 (1) Hold the lands in trust as part of the public land
6 trust; and

7 (2) Transfer management and control of the lands to the
8 sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition
9 by the United States and the State.

10 (f) The members of the task force shall serve without
11 compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and
12 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in
13 carrying out their official duties.

14 (g) The task force shall submit a report of its findings
15 and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the regular session of 2023.

18 (h) The task force shall cease to exist six months after
19 the August 16, 2029, expiration of the United States Army's
20 lease for the Makua military reservation under General Lease No.
21 S-3848.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established within the department
2 of Hawaiian home lands for administrative purposes a Lualalei
3 valley task force to negotiate for the return of Lualualei naval
4 radio transmitting facility and the Lualualei naval ammunition
5 depot to the department of Hawaiian home lands.

6 (b) The Lualualei valley task force shall consist of the
7 chairperson of the Hawaiian homes commission, or the
8 chairperson's designee, and a member of the board of trustees of
9 the office of Hawaiian affairs, or a designee, who shall invite
10 the following persons to be members of the task force:

11 (1) A representative of the legislature;

12 (2) A representative of families who were evicted from the
13 Lualualei valley lands or whose lands in the Lualualei
14 valley were condemned by the federal government;

15 (3) A representative of the aha moku advisory committee;

16 (4) Three representatives, each representing a different
17 non-profit organization, having expertise on Lualualei
18 valley; and

19 (5) A representative selected from a list provided by
20 Native Hawaiian organizations.



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1 The task force shall also invite the commanding officer of
2 the United States Navy Pacific Fleet, or the commanding
3 officer's designee, to serve as a military representative.

4 (c) The members of the task force shall elect a
5 chairperson from among themselves.

6 (d) The task force shall enter into negotiations with the
7 United States Navy to:

8 (1) Facilitate the expedient return of the Lualualei naval
9 radio transmitting facility and the Lualualei naval
10 ammunition depot to the State;

11 (2) Ensure the clean-up of unexploded ordnance; and

12 (3) Ensure the expansion of opportunities for cultural
13 access.

14 (e) The task force shall base its plans and policies on
15 the timely completion of negotiating the transfer of the lands
16 currently held by the United States Navy in Lualualei valley to
17 the State, which shall:

18 (1) Hold the lands in trust as part of the public land
19 trust; and



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(2) Transfer management and control of the lands to the sovereign Native Hawaiian entity upon its recognition by the United States and the State.

(f) The members of the task force shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their actual and necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in carrying out their official duties.

(g) The task force shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of 2023.

(h) The task force shall cease to exist six months after the transfer of the Lualualei naval radio transmitting facility and the Lualualei naval ammunition depot to the State.

SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022.

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Report Title:

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Description:

Establishes a Makua valley task force to prepare for the transfer of the management of the Makua military reservation from the United States Army upon the expiration of the Army's lease for the land. Establishes a Lualualei valley task force to negotiate the transfer of lands held in Lualualei valley by the United States Navy to the State. Requires a report to the legislature.

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