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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT TO SUPPORT CO-STEWARDSHIP OF WAHI KŪPUNA WITH THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY WITH REGARDS TO LANDS UNDER FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT AUTHORITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs recognizes
2 that the well-being of the ‘āina is essential to the well-being
3 of the Native Hawaiian people and advocates for preservation,
4 protection, and stewardship of land, watersheds, ocean
5 resources, and significant cultural sites; and
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7 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are ancestral, physical locations
8 significant to the Native Hawaiian community where they maintain
9 relationships to the past and foster their identity and well-
10 being in the present; and
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12 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are the repositories that are
13 strongholds of Native Hawaiian culture and places where Native
14 Hawaiians can transmit knowledge and culture to the next
15 generation; and
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17 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna continue to be severely threatened by
18 development and do not have the same equity and parity as
19 natural resources and other environmental sectors; and
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21 WHEREAS, wahi kūpuna are disproportionately underfunded
22 within the private and public sectors of Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, in recent history, wahi kūpuna including
25 Kaho‘olawe, Papahānaumokuākea, and Mauna Kea, provide lessons on
26 approaches and practices to either avoid or replicate,
27 especially when wahi kūpuna are located on lands under federal,
28 state, or local government authority; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
32 that the United States government is urged to support the co-
33 stewardship of wahi kūpuna with the Native Hawaiian community



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1 with regard to lands under federal, state, and local government
2 authority; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Hawaiian
5 Civic Clubs and its partner organizations are requested to
6 identify and prioritize wahi kūpuna located on lands under the
7 federal, state, and local government authority and initiate
8 discussions urging co-stewardship between Native Hawaiian
9 community organizations with the respective landowners; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that federal, state, and local
12 government authorities are urged to consult with the Native
13 Hawaiian community in development of their respective resource
14 management plans, and in the development of co-stewardship
15 models and agreements with the Native Hawaiian community
16 organization, to preserve important cultural and natural sites,
17 educate the general community on Native Hawaiian traditions and
18 practices, advocate cultural awareness, and implement and
19 maintain the Native Hawaiian community presence in the area; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to members of the Hawaii congressional
23 delegation; Secretaries of the Interior, Agriculture, Defense,
24 and Commerce; Governor; Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of
25 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and all County Mayors.

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28 OFFERED BY: 

