
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONDUCT A
COMPREHENSIVE ECONOMIC ANALYSIS OF ALL MILITARY-LEASED
LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, Public Law 103-150 was enacted by the United
2 States Congress and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on
3 November 23, 1993, which formally acknowledged the role of the
4 United States in the illegal overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawai'i
5 and apologizing for depriving Native Hawaiians of their
6 unrelinquished sovereignty, rights, and property interests in
7 the Crown and Government Lands, referred to as the public land
8 trust; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources, as
11 trustee of the public land trust, has a duty of care to the
12 beneficiaries of the trust, including Native Hawaiians and the
13 citizens of Hawaii; and

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15 WHEREAS, the United States military currently occupies more
16 than two hundred thousand acres of the public land trust,
17 including parcels at Ke Awalau o Puuloa (Joint Base Pearl
18 Harbor-Hickam), Wahiawa (Schofield Barracks), Mokapu (Marine
19 Corps Base Hawai'i), Pōhakuloa (Pohakuloa Training Area), Nohili
20 (Pacific Missile Range Facility), Kahauiki (Fort Shafter), and
21 Halawa (Camp Smith); and

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23 WHEREAS, several military land leases in Hawai'i will expire
24 in 2029, including lands at Pōhakuloa, Kahuku, Kawaiiloa, and
25 Mākua;

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27 WHEREAS, these trust lands have suffered significant
28 environmental and economic degradation due to their use by the
29 United States military, including unexploded ordnances, depleted
30 uranium, contaminated drinking water, shattered caprock, and
31 destroyed structures; and



1 WHEREAS, the existing lease agreements do not adequately
2 account for the value of these lands, nor their remediation and
3 lost economic opportunities; and

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5 WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for these lands to be
6 remediated and returned to beneficial public use without delay;
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9 WHEREAS, lease renewal negotiations between the Department
10 of Land and Natural Resources and the United States military
11 have not included a transparent public process; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
14 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
15 of 2025, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is
16 urged to conduct a comprehensive economic analysis of all
17 military-leased lands that assesses the following:
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- 19 (1) Lost economic opportunities from the unavailability of
20 these lands for beneficial trust purposes pursuant to
21 section 5(f) of Public Law 86-3, including
22 agriculture, education, and housing, and the
23 betterment of conditions of Native Hawaiians;
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- 25 (2) The comprehensive costs for cleanup, including
26 contaminants and unexploded ordnance of trust lands;
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- 28 (3) The costs of restoration and development of these
29 trust lands to productive economic use;
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- 31 (4) Lost income to the State had these trust lands been
32 leased at fair market rents, instead of the \$1 leases
33 agreed to between the State and the United States; and
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- 35 (5) Lost tax dollars to the State had these trust lands
36 been utilized for productive purposes under section
37 5(f) of Public Law 86-3; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
40 Natural Resources is urged to establish a formal public process
41 for the lease renewal negotiations, including public hearings,
42 community consultations, and stakeholder engagement, ensuring



1 that all affected parties have an opportunity to provide input
2 before any new agreements are signed; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and
5 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report, detailing the
6 findings of the comprehensive economic analysis and outlining
7 its plans for future lease negotiations, to the Legislature no
8 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
9 Session of 2026; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Chairperson of the
13 Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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