
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING THE KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED
PARTNERSHIP ON ITS 25TH ANNIVERSARY.

1 WHEREAS, the Ko'olau Mountains watershed serves as a
2 critical lifeline for communities throughout the island,
3 capturing and filtering rainwater that provides a reliable
4 supply of fresh water to residents, sustains businesses, and
5 supports a diverse array of ecosystems; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Ala Wai watershed, which extends from the
8 ridge of the Ko'olau Mountains above Mānoa Valley down to
9 Waikīkī, serves as an essential resource for water quality,
10 flood prevention, and the overall health of our urban and
11 natural landscapes; and
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13 WHEREAS, the KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP was
14 established 25 years ago with the visionary goal of protecting
15 and preserving the Ko'olau Mountains watershed; and
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17 WHEREAS, over the past quarter century, the KO'OLAU
18 MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP has made significant strides in
19 conserving Hawai'i's unique environment by combating invasive
20 species, restoring native forests, and educating the public on
21 the critical importance of healthy watersheds; and
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23 WHEREAS, the work of the KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED
24 PARTNERSHIP has not only enhanced environmental resilience but
25 also enriched community involvement, fostering a collective
26 commitment to mālama 'āina that resonates across generations; and
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28 WHEREAS, these efforts demonstrate the power of
29 collaboration, uniting government agencies, nonprofit
30 organizations, private landowners, researchers, and community



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1 members in a shared mission to protect and steward Hawai'i's
2 precious natural resources; and

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4 WHEREAS, the KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP's
5 dedication to preserving the Ko'olau Mountains watershed is vital
6 to the sustainability of Hawai'i's future, ensuring that our
7 island remains a thriving home for people and the native flora
8 and fauna that define its unique biodiversity; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session
12 of 2025, that this body hereby congratulates and honors the
13 KO'OLAU MOUNTAINS WATERSHED PARTNERSHIP on the momentous occasion
14 of its 25th Anniversary, commends its extraordinary contributions
15 to the conservation, sustainability, and resilience of our
16 islands, and extends to the partnership its heartfelt mahalo for
17 its enduring commitment to mālama 'āina.

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