
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS / BISHOP ESTATE TO PRIORITIZE
COMMUNICATION AND TRANSPARENCY WITH THE HAWAII KAI
COMMUNITY AMID LEASE EXPIRATIONS OF PROMINENT NEIGHBORHOOD
ASSETS AND MAINTAIN THE STATUS QUO IN FUTURE LAND USE
DECISIONS.

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate (KSBE) is the
2 largest landowner in Hawaii Kai; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii Kai was designed by Henry Kaiser as a
5 community with intentionally planned infrastructure, recreation,
6 and residences, including approximately eighty acres set aside
7 for farmers under lease from KSBE; and
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9 WHEREAS, numerous leases for properties owned by KSBE are
10 soon set to expire, with the future of multiple beloved
11 community assets now uncertain; and
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13 WHEREAS, in July 2025, KSBE's farm leases in Kamilonui
14 Valley will expire, affecting multiple long-standing community
15 farmers who are in their seventies, make a modest income, and
16 have recently been burdened by a \$10,000 fine passed on to them
17 from KSBE who was fined by the Environmental Protection Agency
18 regarding cesspool conversions, further worsening their
19 financial situation; and
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21 WHEREAS, in 2028 the leases for land in Hahaione Valley
22 currently home to properties including the Japan-America
23 Institute of Management Science (JAIMS) are set to expire,
24 causing concern for what might become of this area and the view
25 plane of the residents in nearby condominiums; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community and elected
28 representatives have made efforts to foster an open dialogue
29 with KSBE to ensure community sentiment is taken into account in



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1 their planning processes and that those interested in the future
2 of these properties can stay informed; and

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4 WHEREAS, by and large, KSBE has rejected opportunities for
5 community discussion, and the vast majority of residents feel an
6 extreme lack of transparency and openness from KSBE's
7 representatives for what is to come; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Kai community is very invested in the
10 future of these properties and others with impending KSBE lease
11 expirations and is due a clear line of communication as it comes
12 to what is to occur in their own backyard; now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2025, Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate is urged to provide
17 regular, informative, and timely updates to the Hawaii Kai
18 community regarding properties with expiring leases and plans
19 for future use and possible development; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED Kamehameha Schools / Bishop Estate
22 is encouraged to maintain the status quo in future land use
23 decisions, minimizing impacts to the surrounding community and
24 limiting disruptions to how the present assets are currently
25 utilized; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to Kamehameha Schools / Bishop
29 Estate's Chief Executive Officer, Senior Asset Manager, Land
30 Asset Manager, and Board of Trustees; Chair of the Hawaii Kai
31 Neighborhood Board; President of the Japan-America Institute of
32 Management Science; Manager of The Oahu Club; and Kamilonui
33 Valley Farmers Association.

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