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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO PRODUCE AND PROVIDE A LIST OF  
STATE LANDS CURRENTLY LEASED TO THE UNITED STATES OF  
AMERICA OR ANY FEDERAL AGENCY.

1 WHEREAS, article XI, section 1, of the Hawaii State  
2 Constitution provides that "the State and its political  
3 subdivisions shall conserve and protect Hawaii's natural beauty  
4 and all natural resources . . . and shall promote the  
5 development and utilization of these resources in a manner  
6 consistent with their conservation and in furtherance of the  
7 self-sufficiency of the State"; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the State currently leases tens of thousands of  
10 acres of state land to the federal government, including various  
11 sites which have been leased to the United States military for  
12 the past sixty years at the price of one dollar; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the military has proven to be an unreliable  
15 steward of the State's land and waters, as demonstrated by the  
16 Red Hill water contamination crisis on O'ahu, the indiscriminate  
17 bombing of Kaho'olawe and subsequent incomplete cleanup of  
18 unexploded ordinance, and many other incidents; and  
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20 WHEREAS, the United States Army itself has acknowledged  
21 that "continued loss of 'āina represents a disproportionate and a  
22 long term, significant, adverse impact on communities with  
23 environmental justice concerns"; and  
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25 WHEREAS, the Trump administration has taken actions that  
26 further endanger the State's natural resources, including by  
27 asserting that national parks and public lands are assets on  
28 "the nation's balance sheet," by indicating that public lands  
29 may be sold off to raise money for a new "sovereign wealth  
30 fund," and by issuing an executive order calling for the  
31 "immediate expansion" of timber production on federal lands; and



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2 WHEREAS, these policies have had an immediate negative  
3 effect on precious state lands and resources, including by  
4 eliminating funding for critical environmental and agricultural  
5 programs across the State, and by eliminating staff and  
6 caretakers at federally-owned properties within the State; and  
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8 WHEREAS, these policies are poised to do further harm to  
9 the State, including as a result of the Secretary of the  
10 Interior's order requiring federal agencies to assess the  
11 feasibility of fracking, drilling, and mining across all public  
12 lands and waters, such as Papahānaumokuākea Marine National  
13 Monument; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the federal government has thus demonstrated a  
16 clear unwillingness or inability to responsibly steward state  
17 lands entrusted to it as a lessee; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the current administration's actions and stated  
20 intentions represent a clear and present danger to the  
21 conservation and protection of the State's natural beauty and  
22 natural resources; now, therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Attorney General  
27 is requested to produce and provide a list of state lands  
28 currently leased to the United States of America or any federal  
29 agency; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Attorney General is  
32 requested to determine whether there are any state  
33 constitutional or other legal impediments to continued leasing  
34 to the federal government or offering new leases, noting  
35 particularly whether leasing for nominal amounts is violative of  
36 any state constitutional or statutory provisions; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any lessor of state land to the  
39 federal government is requested to furnish information to the  
40 Attorney General as necessary to assist with the tasks requested  
41 by this Concurrent Resolution; and  
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- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
- 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General.

