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**In the Senate**  
**August 30, 2024**

**Senate Resolution 01-25**  
**For First Reading**

**IN SUPPORT OF THE END OF U.S. ARMY LEASES ON O'AHU AT MĀKUA, POAMOHO, KAHUKU**

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE UNDERGRADUATE SENATE:**

- WHEREAS,* the Associated Students of the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa Senate is the elected body representing approximately 14,000 full-time classified undergraduate students; and,
- WHEREAS,* in 1964 the U.S. Army signed 65 year leases for \$1 per lease with the State of Hawai'i, Department of Land and Natural Resources, for 782 acres at Makua Military Reservation (MMR), 1,150 acres of land at Kahuku Training Area (KTA), and 4,390 acres at Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area (Poamoho);<sup>1</sup> and
- WHEREAS,* the US Army leases of lands of "State of Hawai'i" lands at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho totaling 6,322 acres on the island of O'ahu are set to expire in 2029; and
- WHEREAS,* one hundred percent of the 6,322 acres the US Army leases from the State of Hawai'i at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho are Hawaiian Kingdom Crown and Government lands which were seized by the US Government and transferred to the State of Hawai'i without the consent of or compensation to the Native Hawaiian people of Hawaii or their sovereign government; and
- WHEREAS,* on June 7, 2024, the US Army released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and opened a public comment period which ended on August 7, 2024 to analyze the potential environmental impacts associated with retaining these lands O'ahu and continue military use of the State lands at these three installations on O'ahu; and
- WHEREAS,* in the Draft EIS, the US Army admits that there will be "significant adverse impacts" on land use (land tenure) and environmental justice with the retention of any lands at Kahuku, Poamoho, and Mākua;<sup>2</sup> and
- WHEREAS,* MMR, Poamoho, and KTA are home to dozens of endangered native organisms and fragile ecosystem and the US military has not been good caretakers of our natural resources, lands, and water (e.g. Red Hill fuel spill); and
- WHEREAS,* Furthermore, for decades the US Army has been responsible for the desecration of ancient Hawaiian sites and burials and limiting Native Hawaiian cultural access in Mākua, Poamoho, and Kahuku; and
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<sup>1</sup> Office of the Federal Register, National Archives and Records Administration. (1993, November 25). *107 Stat. 1510 - Joint resolution to acknowledge the 100th anniversary of the January 17, 1893 overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii, and to offer an apology to Native Hawaiians on behalf of the United States for the overthrow of the Kingdom of Hawaii*. [Government]. U.S. Government Printing Office.  
<https://www.govinfo.gov/app/details/STATUTE-107/STATUTE-107-Pg1510>

<sup>2</sup> U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. 2024. "Army Training Land Retention of State Lands at Kahuku Training Area, Kawailoa-Poamoho Training Area, Mākua Military Reservation Island of O'ahu." Honolulu, HI.

*WHEREAS,* the US Army training areas pose a threat to nearby adjacent communities with toxic emissions, noise pollution, and fire risks while perpetuating an ongoing legacy of unexploded ordinance, invasive species, and the contamination of water sources and soil; and

*BE IT RESOLVED,* that the ASUH requests that the Board of Land and Natural Resources (BLNR) take no action on the US Army leases of 6,322 acres at MMR, KTA, and Poamoho allowing the leases to expire; and

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,* that the ASUH requests that the US military clean up, restore, and return the lands they occupy to the rightful owners, the Kānaka Maoli people; and

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED,* that copies of this resolution shall be sent to the Board of Land and Natural Resources, UH President David Lassner, Hawai'i State Governor, Josh Green, the Board of Regents, the University of Hawai'i Student Caucus, Chair Amy Perruso of the House Higher Education and Technology Committee, Chair Donna Mercado Kim of the State Higher Education Committee, U.S. Army Garrison Command, Hawai'i, Congressman Ed Case, Congresswoman Jill Tokuda, Senator Brian Schatz, and Senator Mazie Hirono, UHM Graduate Student Organization, and Ka Leo O Hawai'i.

INTRODUCED BY: Punia Pale, Treasurer

ROLL CALL VOTE TO APPROVE SENATE RESOLUTION 01-25

Aye(s): Sen. Akiu, Sen. Watanabe, Sen. Li , Sen. Bachiller, Treasurer Pale, Sen. Espania, Sen. Montero, SAL Bielawski, Sen. Pintor, SAL Sasaki, Sen. Tauala [12]

Naye(s): [0]

Abstention(s): [0]