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To amend the National Trails System Act to designate the Ala Kahakai Trail as a National Historic Trail.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

MARCH 24, 1999

Mr. AKAKA (for himself and Mr. INOUYE) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Ala Kahakai National
5 Historic Trail Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

7 Congress finds that—

8 (1) the Ala Kahakai (Trail by the Sea) is an
9 important part of the ancient trail known as the

1 “Ala Loa” (the long trail), which circumscribes the
2 island of Hawaii;

3 (2) the Ala Loa was the major land route con-
4 necting 600 or more communities of the island king-
5 dom of Hawaii from 1400 to 1700;

6 (3) the trail is associated with many prehistoric
7 and historic housing areas of the island of Hawaii,
8 nearly all the royal centers, and most of the major
9 temples of the island;

10 (4) the use of the Ala Loa is also associated
11 with many rulers of the kingdom of Hawaii, with
12 battlefields and the movement of armies during their
13 reigns, and with annual taxation;

14 (5) the use of the trail played a significant part
15 in events that affected Hawaiian history and culture,
16 including—

17 (A) Captain Cook’s landing and subse-
18 quent death in 1779;

19 (B) Kamehameha I’s rise to power and
20 consolidation of the Hawaiian Islands under
21 monarchical rule; and

22 (C) the death of Kamehameha in 1819,
23 followed by the overthrow of the ancient reli-
24 gious system, the Kapu, and the arrival of the
25 first western missionaries in 1820; and

1 (6) the trail—

2 (A) was used throughout the 19th and
3 20th centuries and continues in use today; and

4 (B) contains a variety of significant cul-
5 tural and natural resources.

6 SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION AND ADMINISTRATION.

7 Section 5(a) of the National Trails System Act (16
8 U.S.C. 1244(a)) is amended—

14 (2) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(21) ALA KAHAKAI NATIONAL HISTORIC
16 TRAIL.—

17 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The Ala Kahakai Na-
18 tional Historic Trail (the Trail by the Sea), a
19 175 mile long trail extending from Upolu Point
20 on the north tip of Hawaii Island down the
21 west coast of the Island around Ka Lae to the
22 east boundary of Hawaii Volcanoes National
23 Park at the ancient shoreline temple known as
24 ‘Wahaulu’, as generally depicted on the map en-
25 titled ‘Ala Kahakai Trail’, contained in the re-

1 port prepared pursuant to subsection (b) enti-
2 tled 'Ala Kahakai National Trail Study and En-
3 vironmental Impact Statement', dated January
4 1998.

5 "(B) MAP.—A map generally depicting the
6 trail shall be on file and available for public in-
7 spection in the Office of the National Park
8 Service, Department of the Interior.

9 "(C) ADMINISTRATION.—The trail shall be
10 administered by the Secretary of the Interior.

11 "(D) LAND ACQUISITION.—No land or in-
12 terest in land outside the exterior boundaries of
13 any federally administered area may be ac-
14 quired by the United States for the trail except
15 with the consent of the owner of the land or in-
16 terest in land.

17 "(E) PUBLIC PARTICIPATION; CONSULTA-
18 TION.—The Secretary of the Interior shall—

19 " "(i) encourage communities and own-
20 ers of land along the trail, native Hawai-
21 ians, and volunteer trail groups to partici-
22 pate in the planning, development, and
23 maintenance of the trail; and

24 " "(ii) consult with affected Federal,
25 State, and local agencies, native Hawaiian

1 groups, and landowners in the administra-
2 tion of the trail.”.

