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Oahu's Pristine Ka Iwi Lands Will Be Preserved Under Governor's Proposal

Reclassification from Urban to Rural Would Forestay Further Developments

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HONOLULU, HAWAII – In collaboration with Governor Linda Lingle and the State Department of Land and Natural Resource's Office of Planning, the State will be seeking a reclassification of the Ka Iwi Coastline, a controversial piece of property in Hawaii Kai once proposed as the site of commercial development including a resort and golf course.

The proposed reclassification includes the 300 acres of Ka Iwi coastline on the makai side of Kalaniana'ole Highway from Sandy Beach to the Makapuu Lighthouse.

I am pleased that we are finally moving forward with initiating a reclassification for Ka Iwi from urban to conservation. I hope the Land Use Commission will approve this reclassification to ensure that this magnificent coastline remains undeveloped.

The reclassification is an important matter that would finally end fears by community groups and residents who have fought to preserve the coastline for over three decades from unwanted development.

On behalf of my constituents, I have been front and center as catalyst and community motivator to protect Ka Iwi coast lands and led the fight since beginning a petition drive in 2006 to preserve the Ka Iwi coastline, because it is considered Oahu's last remaining strip of undeveloped coastline.

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