

Mayor's Office,

"Hoolai na manu i ke aheahe a hookolo aku i ka nui manu," meaning "The birds drink in the gentle breeze and then flock together with the multitude of birds." It reminds us of the importance of preserving our environment and protecting the native bird species that also call Hawaii home.

I am writing to urge your office to take action to protect Hawaii's native bird species, particularly the Palila on Mauna Kea. The decline of the Palila population is a significant concern as it could indicate more significant ecological issues that need attention. To address this problem, I ask you to support State House Concurrent Resolution 50, which calls for the Department of Land and Natural Resources to provide updated statistics and investigate the factors causing the decline of the Palila population. Here are three reasons why supporting State House Concurrent Resolution 50 is crucial:

Hawaii's native bird species are facing a severe population decline, with over 30% of species already extinct, and many more are on the brink of extinction. We need to take swift action to protect these critical species before it's too late. The Palila on Mauna Kea is an indicator species, and its decline could signal more significant ecological issues that require attention.

Billions have been spent on protecting the palila and its habitat

Protecting rare birds from extinction can bring financial benefits to the state. For example, the Hawaiian honeycreeper species attracts birdwatchers and nature enthusiasts, generating tourism revenue for the state.

As a community, we must work together to protect Hawaii's native bird species and preserve our delicate ecosystem. I ask that you take action and support State House Concurrent Resolution 50. Together, we can work towards a brighter future for our beautiful state.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Mahalo Aloha