107TH CONGRESS 2D SESSION

## H.R.3750

To direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study regarding the suitability and feasibility of establishing the East Maui National Heritage Area in the Hana district of East Maui in the State of Hawaii, and for other purposes.

## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

February 13, 2002

Mrs. Mink of Hawaii introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

## A BILL

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- 1 Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-
- 2 tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,
- 3 SECTION 1. EAST MAUI FEASIBILITY AND SUITABILITY
- 4 STUDY.
- 5 (a) Study.—
- 6 (1) In general.—The Secretary, in consulta-
- 7 tion with the Alliance for the Heritage of East Maui,

1	the County of Maui, and other appropriate organiza-
2	tions, shall conduct a study regarding the suitability
3	and feasibility of establishing the East Maui Na-
4	tional Heritage Area in the Hana district of East
5	Maui in the State of Hawaii.
6	(2) Contents.—The study shall include anal-
7	ysis and documentation regarding whether the Study
8	Area—
9	(A) has an assemblage of natural, historic,
10	and cultural resources that together represent
11	distinctive aspects of American heritage worthy
12	of recognition, conservation, interpretation, and
13	continuing use, and are best managed through
14	partnerships among public and private entities
15	and by combining diverse and sometimes non-
16	contiguous resources and active communities;
17	(B) reflects traditions, customs, beliefs,
18	and folklife that are a valuable part of the na-
19	tional story;
20	(C) provides outstanding opportunities to
21	conserve natural, historic, cultural, or scenic
22	features;
23	(D) provides outstanding recreational and

educational opportunities;

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- 1 (E) contains resources important to the 2 identified theme or themes of the Study Area 3 that retain a degree of integrity capable of sup-4 porting interpretation;
  - (F) includes residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and local and State governments that are involved in the planning, have developed a conceptual financial plan that outlines the roles for all participants, including the Federal Government, and have demonstrated support for the concept of a national heritage area;
  - (G) has a potential management entity to work in partnership with residents, business interests, nonprofit organizations, and local and State governments to develop a national heritage area consistent with continued local and State economic activity; and
  - (H) has a conceptual boundary map that is supported by the public.
  - (3) Public Hearing; comment period.—The Secretary shall hold not less than 1 public hearing regarding the study during which reasonable efforts shall be made to hear comments and answer questions of interested parties. After the hearing con-

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- ducted in accordance with this paragraph, the Sec-
- 2 retary shall receive comments on the study for a pe-
- 3 riod of not less than 45 days. In completing the
- 4 study, the Secretary shall consider comments re-
- 5 ceived at the hearing and during the comment pe-
- 6 riod.
- 7 (b) Boundaries of the Study Area.—The Study
- 8 Area shall be comprised of the Hana district of East Maui
- 9 in the State of Hawaii.
- 10 (c) Submission of Study Results.—Not later
- 11 than 3 years after funds are first made available for this
- 12 section, the Secretary shall submit to the Committee on
- 13 Resources of the House of Representatives and the Com-
- 14 mittee on Energy and Natural Resources of the Senate
- 15 a report describing the results of the study.

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