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HR 178
ENCOURAGING THE STATE TO PROCEED IMMEDIATELY
WITH IMPLEMENTING THE MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS
OUTLINED IN THE ALALA RESTORATION PLAN

Statement for
House Committees on
Water, Land Use, Development and Hawaiian Affairs
Planning, Energy and Environmental Protection
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HR 178 would request that the State proceed with the implementation of a plan prepared by the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) for the management of the Alala (Hawaiian Crow). This statement on the resolution does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

As recognized by the resolution, the Alala is an endangered species, on the brink of extinction, and the DLNR has prepared a plan for management of the species and its habitat. According to the resolution, the DLNR has also estimated the costs of implementing the plan.

We are not familiar with the cost estimate, and we do not know whether there is provision in the DLNR budget for implementation of the plan. However, we consider prompt implementation of the plan essential to ensuring, as well as possible, against the extinction of the Alala.