

# Natural Resources/Conservation/Public Lands Accomplishments

This is an overview of Congressman Case's leadership since 2019 on key bills, cosponsorships, votes, Appropriations Committee achievements, joint letters, statements and congressional delegations that advance Hawaii's and the nation's conservation of natural resources and public lands.

## Key Bills Introduced by Congressman Case

### 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (to date)

- [H.R. 4219](#), the National Wildlife Refuge System Invasive Species Strike Team Act. This bill would formally establish the Invasive Species Strike Team system at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- [H.Res. 233](#), Supporting the designation of April 2025 as "National Native Plant Month."
- [H.R. 1780](#), the Hawai'i Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2025. This bill would establish a grant program supporting the conservation of Hawaii's native species.
- [H.R. 487](#), the Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act. This bill would require all cargo coming into Hawai'i to be inspected for invasive species.

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- [H.R. 10037](#), the Invasive Species Response Act. This bill would establish the Invasive Species Strike Team system at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.
- [H.R. 2881](#), the Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act. This bill would require all cargo coming into Hawai'i to be inspected for invasive species.
- [H.R. 2459](#), the Hawai'i Native Species Conservation and Recovery Act of 2023. This bill would establish a grant program supporting the conservation of Hawaii's native species.

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- [H.R. 1908](#), the Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act. This bill directs the Department of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating Ka'ena Point as a National Heritage Area. This legislation was included and passed in the National Heritage Area Act; see [here](#).
- [H.R. 388](#), the Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act. This bill would require all cargo coming into Hawai'i to be inspected for invasive species.
- [H.R. 297](#), which would require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of a unit of the National Forest System in Hawai'i. This legislation was included and passed through the Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Funding bill; more [here](#).

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- [H.R. 7045](#), which would require the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a study on the establishment of a unit of the National Forest System in Hawai'i.
- [H.R. 6603](#), the Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act. This bill directs the Department of the Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating Ka'ena Point as a National Heritage Area.
- [H.R. 5506](#), the Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act. This bill would require all cargo coming into Hawai'i to be inspected for invasive species.

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## Key Cosponsorships

He has consistently cosponsored legislation across multiple Congresses to advance long-standing priorities in the natural resources sector, including conservation, climate action and equitable access to public lands.

These have included key efforts to protect ecologically significant landscapes through measures such as the Roadless Area Conservation Act, the Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act, the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act and the Arctic Refuge Protection Act. These place-specific bills underscore his dedication to preserving wilderness areas and safeguarding cultural and environmental heritage.

He has also repeatedly supported legislation to conserve wildlife and uphold the principles of the Endangered Species Act, including the Extinction Prevention Act, the Migratory Bird Protection Act and the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act.

Recognizing the urgency of the climate crisis, he has cosponsored the *SAFE Act* and similar measures to strengthen national resilience and reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

Additionally, he has been a consistent advocate for improving public access and recreation opportunities through bills such as the Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act, the EXPLORE Act and the Explore America Act, ensuring responsible stewardship and enjoyment of public lands for future generations.

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- [H.R. 3930](#), the Roadless Area Conservation Act, would codify a U.S. Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvests on 58.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands in Alaska.
- [H.R. 3604](#), the Reducing Waste in National Parks Act, would eliminate the sale and distribution of disposable plastic products, such as single-use plastic bottles, utensils, straws and packaging.
- [H.R. 3553](#), the BRUSH Fires Act, would direct the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) to conduct a study on the effectiveness of its wildfire mitigation practices in shrublands.
- [H.R. 3189](#), the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act, would implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels by strengthening protections for these species and their habitats.
- [H.R. 3188](#), the Migratory Bird Protection Act, would direct the Department of Interior to provide regulatory certainty on “incidental take.”
- [H.R. 588](#), the Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act, would permanently protect 230 thousand acres of federal land and waters.

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- [H.R. 10340](#), the CASC Act, would permanently authorize the U.S. Geological Survey’s National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers.

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- [H.R. 9972](#), the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act, would implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels by strengthening protections for these species and their habitats.
- [H.R. 9165](#), the Public Land Search and Rescue Act, would establish a grant program for remote search and rescue activities conducted on federal land.
- [H.R. 9120](#), the SAFE Act would establish an integrated national approach to respond to extreme weather and climate change.
- [H.R. 8219](#), the Lahaina National Heritage Area Study Act, would direct the National Park Service to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating Lahaina as a National Heritage Area.
- [H.R. 7662](#), the Critical Minerals Security Act, would require reports on critical mineral and rare earth element resources around the world and a strategy for advanced mining, refining, separation and processing technologies.
- [H.R. 6492](#), the EXPLORE Act, would improve public land access for sportsmen and women, modernize tech, among other things.
- [H.R. 5015](#), the Seedlings for Sustainable Habitat Restoration Act, would provide support for the collection and maintenance of native seeds and production of tree seedlings.
- [H.R. 4561](#), the Reducing Waste in National Parks Act, would eliminate the sale and distribution of disposable plastic products, such as single-use plastic bottles, utensils, straws and packaging.
- [H.R. 4235](#), the Wildfire Technology Demonstration, Evaluation, Modernization and Optimization Act, would establish a wildfire technology testbed pilot program.
- [H.R. 3494](#), the Extinction Prevention Act, would provide financial assistance for the conservation of plant species in Hawai‘i, among other things.
- [H.R. 1726](#), the Continued Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death Response Act, would establish requirements to research and control Rapid Ohia Death, which is the disease caused by the fungal pathogen known as *Ceratocystis fimbriata* that affects the tree of the species *Metrosideros polymorpha*.
- [H.R. 724](#), the Arctic Refuge Protection Act, would repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program.
- [H.R. 668](#), the Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act, would permanently protect 230,000 acres of federal land and waters.
- [H.R. 565](#), the Land Restoration and Resiliency Act, would establish a Community Resilience and Restoration Fund to support projects which respond to climate change.
- [H.R. 439](#), the Public Land Search and Rescue Act, would establish a program to support remote search and rescue activities conducted on Agriculture or Interior lands.

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- [H.R. 7693](#), the National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act, would reauthorize the National Park Foundation through FY2030.
- [H.R. 6936](#), the Stamp Out Invasive Species Act, would direct the U.S. Postal Service to issue and sell a Combating Invasive Species Semipostal Stamp.
- [H.R. 6654](#), the CASC Act, would permanently authorize the U.S. Geological Survey’s National and Regional Climate Adaptation Science Centers.

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- [H.R. 5533](#), the Reducing Waste in National Parks Act, would eliminate the sale and distribution of disposable plastic products, such as single-use plastic bottles, utensils, straws and packaging.
- [H.R. 4833](#), the Migratory Bird Protection Act, would direct the Department of Interior to provide regulatory certainty on “incidental take.”
- [H.R. 4057](#), the Albatross and Petrel Conservation Act, would implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels by strengthening protections for these species and their habitats.
- [H.R. 3396](#), the Extinction Prevention Act, would provide financial assistance for the conservation of plant species in Hawai‘i, among other things.
- [H.R. 3113](#), the Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act, would direct the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data related to federal lands and used to depict locations at which recreation uses are available to the public.
- [H.R. 2872](#), the SAFE Act, would establish an integrated national approach to respond to extreme weather and climate change.
- [H.R. 2794](#), the Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act, would permanently protect 230 thousand acres of federal land and waters.
- [H.R. 1925](#), the South Kona National Heritage Area, would direct the Department of Interior to conduct a study to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating South Kona a National Heritage Area.
- [H.R. 1755](#), the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, would designate certain lands in the Northern Rockies to the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- [H.R. 1569](#), the Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Act, would create a Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund.
- [H.R. 1548](#), the Native Plant Species Pilot Program Act, would establish a pilot program for native plant species to be used in carrying out land management activities on federal lands.
- [H.R. 1316](#), the National Heritage Area Act, would establish a National Heritage Area System.
- [H.R. 815](#), the Arctic Refuge Protection Act, would repeal the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge oil and gas program.
- [H.R. 279](#), the Roadless Area Conservation Act, would codify a U.S. Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvests on 58.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands in Alaska.
- [H.R. 186](#), the Explore America Act, would authorize partnerships with gateway communities adjacent to units of the National Park System.

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- [H.R. 6169](#), the Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act, would direct the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data

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related to federal lands and used to depict locations at which recreation uses are available to the public.

- [H.Con.Res. 89](#), Encouraging the Trump administration to maintain protections under NEPA and reverse ongoing administrative actions to weaken landmark law.
- [H.R. 5839](#), the Explore America Act, would authorize partnerships with gateway communities adjacent to units of the National Park System.
- [H.R. 5575](#), America's Red Rock Wilderness Act, would designate specified lands in the following areas of Utah as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- [H.R. 5598](#), the Boundary Waters Wilderness Protection and Pollution Prevention Act, would permanently protect 230 thousand acres of federal land and waters.
- [H.R. 5552](#), the Migratory Bird Protection Act, would direct the Department of Interior to provide regulatory certainty on "incidental take."
- [H.R. 4341](#), the Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Act, which provides statutory authority for the Critically Endangered Animals Conservation Fund.
- [H.R. 4236](#), the Reducing Waste in National Parks Act, would eliminate the sale and distribution of disposable plastic products, such as single-use plastic bottles, utensils, straws and packaging.
- [H.R. 3794](#), the Public Land Renewable Energy Development Act, would set forth provisions regarding development of geothermal, solar, or wind energy on public lands.
- [H.R. 3510](#), the Water Resources Research Amendments Act, reauthorizes through FY2023 the water resources research program.
- [H.R. 2918](#), the Extinction Prevention Act, would provide financial assistance for the conservation of plant species in Hawai'i, among other things.
- [H.R. 2748](#), the SAFE Act would establish an integrated national approach to respond to extreme weather and climate change.
- [H.R. 2491](#), the Roadless Area Conservation Act, would codify a U.S. Forest Service rule that prohibits road construction, road reconstruction and timber harvests on 58.5 million acres of national forests and grasslands in Alaska.
- [H.R. 2250](#), the Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation and Working Forests Act, which sets forth provisions concerning the restoration, economic development and conservation of, and recreational access to, certain public lands in Northern California.
- [H.R. 1727](#), the Complete America's Great Trails Act, would allow a tax credit for the fair market value of any National Scenic Trail conservation contribution.
- [H.R. 1321](#), the Northern Rockies Ecosystem Protection Act, would designate certain lands in the Northern Rockies to the National Wilderness Preservation System.
- [H.R. 1305](#), the Albatross and Petrel Act, would implement the Agreement on the Conservation of Albatrosses and Petrels by strengthening protections for these species and their habitats.
- [H.R. 1225](#), the Restore our Parks and Public Lands Act, would establish the National Park Service and Public Lands Legacy Restoration Fund into which, through FY2024, there would be deposited an amount equal to 50% of all energy development revenues due and payable to the federal government from oil, gas, coal, or alternative or renewable energy development on federal lands and waters that would otherwise be credited, covered, or deposited as miscellaneous receipts under federal law.

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- [H.R. 1050](#), the ANTIQUITIES Act, provides for the administration of certain National Monuments and the designation of certain lands in New Mexico and Nevada as wilderness.
- [H.R. 1049](#), the National Heritage Area Act, would establish a National Heritage Area System.
- [H.R. 864](#), the Wildlife Conservation and Anti-Trafficking Act, would reclassify certain wildlife-trafficking offenses and illegal fishing violations as violations of federal racketeering or other laws concerning transnational criminal organizations.

### Key Votes

His voting record reflects a consistent commitment to protecting bedrock environmental laws like the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which ensure that development proceeds responsibly and sustainably. He has also supported Hawai‘i-specific legislation to safeguard local ecosystems, fisheries and cultural resources, recognizing the unique environmental and economic needs of the islands. In addition, he has backed measures that strengthen federal agencies’ ability to manage and protect public lands while promoting responsible access and stewardship for future generations.

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- Voted NAY on [H.R. 471](#), the Fix our Forests Act. This bill establishes requirements for managing forests on federal land, including requirements concerning reducing wildfire threats, expediting the review of certain forest management projects and implementing forest management projects and other activities; opposed on the basis of weakening current protections.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 375](#), the Continued Rapid ‘Ōhi‘a Death Response Act. This bill establishes requirements to research and control Rapid Ohia Death, which is the disease caused by the fungal pathogen known as *Ceratocystis fimbriata* that affects the tree of the species *Metrosideros polymorpha*.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 187](#), the MAPWaters Act. This bill directs the Forest Service and the Department of the Interior to standardize and publish data relating to public's access to federal waterways for recreational use.
- Voted NAY on [H.J.Res. 60](#). This joint resolution nullifies the final rule issued by the National Park Service titled *Glen Canyon National Recreation Area; Motor Vehicles* and published on January 13, 2025. The rule modified regulations concerning the Glen Canyon National Recreation Area, which is located in northern Arizona and southeastern Utah. For example, the rule limited the use of off-road vehicles, such as off-highway vehicles and all-terrain vehicles, in certain areas.

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- Voted NAY on [H.R. 8790](#), the Fix Our Forests Act. This bill establishes requirements for managing forests on federal land, including requirements concerning reducing wildfire threats, expediting the review of certain forest management projects and implementing forest management projects and other activities; opposed on the basis of weakening current protections.



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- Voted NAY on [H.R. 8446](#), the Critical Mineral Consistency Act. This bill modifies the Energy Act of 2020 to expand the definition of *critical minerals* to include *critical materials* designated by the Department of Energy (DOE).
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 8219](#), the Lahaina National Heritage Area Study Act. This act directs the National Park Service to assess the suitability and feasibility of designating Lahaina, Maui County, Hawaii, as the Lahaina National Heritage Area under the National Heritage Areas Act.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 7409](#), the HEATS Act. This bill exempts certain geothermal activities on state and private lands (except Indian lands) from drilling permit requirements as well as environmental and historic preservation review requirements.
- Voted NAY on [H.Res. 987](#), Denouncing the “harmful, anti-American energy policies” of the Biden Administration.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 2925](#), the Mining Regulatory Clarity Act. This bill sets forth a process to allow mine operations to use, occupy and conduct operations (e.g., construction of roads and other mining infrastructure activity) on public land regardless of whether a mineral deposit has been discovered on the land.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 1567](#), the ACRES Act. This bill requires the Department of Agriculture (USDA) and the Department of the Interior to submit accurate reports regarding hazardous fuels reduction activity.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 1449](#), the CLEAN Act. This bill requires the Department of the Interior to increase the frequency of lease sales under the Geothermal Steam Act of 1970 and establishes deadlines for consideration of geothermal drilling permits.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 1121](#), the Protecting American Energy Production Act. This bill prohibits the President from declaring a moratorium on the use of hydraulic fracturing unless Congress authorizes the moratorium. The bill also expresses the sense of Congress that states should maintain primacy for the regulation of hydraulic fracturing for oil and natural gas production on state and private lands.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 897](#), the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary and Protection Act. This bill designates an ancient cypress forest in the Gulf of Mexico as the Alabama Underwater Forest National Marine Sanctuary under the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 764](#), the Trust the Science Act. This bill directs the Department of the Interior to remove protections for the gray wolf under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). Specifically, the bill requires Interior to reissue the final rule titled *Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Removing the Gray Wolf (Canis lupus) From the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife* and published on November 3, 2020.
- Voted NAY on [H.R. 615](#), the Protecting Access for Hunters and Anglers Act. This bill bars the Department of the Interior and the Department of Agriculture from prohibiting or regulating the use of lead ammunition or tackle on federal land or water that is under the jurisdiction of such departments and made available for hunting or fishing.

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- Voted YAY on [H.R. 7693](#), the National Park Foundation Reauthorization Act. This bill reauthorizes through FY2030 the National Park Foundation.

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- Voted YAY on [H.R. 7283](#), the STREAM Act. This bill allows a state to set aside up to 30% of its annual grant for abandoned mine reclamation provided under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act for the treatment and abatement of acid mine drainage, which is the release of acidic water from abandoned coal mines.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 7025](#), the Advancing Human Rights-Centered International Conservation Act. This bill requires the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) to take actions to ensure that the international financial assistance it provides does not go to any foreign security force unit (e.g., a military or paramilitary unit) where there is a reasonable belief that the unit has committed a gross violation of internationally recognized human rights.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 5118](#), the Wildfire Response and Drought Resiliency Act. This bill provides for measures to mitigate wildfires, drought and other natural and human disasters.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 3113](#), the Modernizing Access to Our Public Land Act. This bill directs the Department of the Interior, the Forest Service and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to jointly develop and adopt interagency standards to ensure compatibility and interoperability among federal databases for the collection and dissemination of outdoor recreation data related to federal lands and used to depict locations at which recreation uses are available to the public.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 2773](#), the Recovering America's Wildlife Act. This bill provides funding for the conservation or restoration of wildlife and plant species of greatest conservation need, including endangered or threatened species and establishes related requirements.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 803](#), the Protecting America's Wilderness and Public Lands Act. This bill provides for the preservation, conservation and recreational use of public lands (establishes National Heritage Area system).

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- Voted YAY on [H.R. 5040](#), the AIR Safety Act. This bill directs the Bureau of Land Management to study the effects of drone incursions on the suppression of wildfires concerning lands managed by the Department of the Interior or the Department of Agriculture.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 2546](#), the Protecting America's Wilderness Act. This bill designates wilderness areas, potential wilderness areas, recreation areas, scenic areas, trails and wild and scenic rivers in Colorado, California and Washington, among other things.
- Voted YAY on [H.R. 1146](#), the Arctic Cultural and Coastal Plain Protection Act. This bill prohibits the Bureau of Land Management from administering an oil and gas leasing, development, production and transportation program in and from the Coastal Plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska.

### Appropriations

Through his assignment on the House Appropriations Committee, responsible for all federal discretionary funding, he secured the following successes for the State of Hawai'i.



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## Fiscal Year 2026 (to date)

- \$4.75 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$66 million for the U.S. Geological Survey's Climate Adaptation Science Centers, which includes the Pacific Islands Climate Adaptation Science Center based out of the University of Hawai'i Mānoa.
- \$1 million for the Fireshed Partnerships to Facilitate Wildfire Risk Reduction Project for University of Hawai'i at Mānoa (Community Project Funding).

## Fiscal Year 2025

- \$4.75 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$13 million to rehabilitate the Mauna Loa Lookout Road at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park, which is critical for visitor safety and improves access to the Mauna Loa Trailhead and views towards Kīlauea Caldera.
- \$7 million for critical water infrastructure repairs at Haleakalā National Park.
- \$185,000 for the Reforestation and Carbon Forestry Assessment Project for the Department of Land and Natural Resources (Community Project Funding).

## Fiscal Year 2024

- \$4.75 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$33 million for a long-deferred water infrastructure at Hawai'i Volcanoes National Park.
- \$3 million for the National Park Service to acquire an important expansion to the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail, which is a part of the National Trails System.
- \$959,757 for the Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management to develop new Deep Monitoring Wells in Wai'alae and Wai'anae (Community Project Funding).
- \$959,757 for the Hawai'i Commission on Water Resource Management to support statewide small public water systems to better conserve water.

## Fiscal Year 2023

- \$6.8 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$30.2 million for the long-deferred maintenance projects at Hawaii's National Parks.
- \$92 million for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program, which includes funding to the Hawai'i Department of Health to address Red Hill issues.
- \$12.9 million for the acquisition of Kaupō Ranch on the southern slope of Haleakalā for the National Park Service.
- \$1.8 million to acquire nearly 1,000 acres of Kāne'ohe Pali lands for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources to protect freshwater resources (Community Project Funding).
- \$1.3 million to safeguard over nearly 700 acres in Maunawili Valley for the State Department of Land and Natural Resources, who would steward the land, engaging in sustainable agriculture and restoration of cultural sites and lo'i kalo (Community Project Funding).

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## Fiscal Year 2022

- \$4 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$6 million to help the National Park Service acquire a unique 3,018 acre parcel of Kaupō Ranch adjacent to Haleakalā National Park.
- \$92 million for the Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust Fund Program, which includes funding to the Hawai‘i Department of Health to address Red Hill issues.
- \$300,000 for the City and County of Honolulu to develop its city-wide Tree Inventory and Management Plan (Community Project Funding).

## Fiscal Year 2021

- \$3.5 million for the State of the Birds Activities to respond to urgent needs of critically endangered birds.
- \$5.65 million for the Pearl Harbor National Memorial.
- \$16 million for Kalaupapa National Historical Park.
- \$15 million for the NPS National Trails System. This includes the Ala Kahakai National Historical Trail on Hawai‘i Island.

## Fiscal Year 2020

- \$6 million for the National Park Service land acquisition for the Ala Kahakai National Historic Trail.
- \$4,480,000 for recovery activities, including developing and supporting dedicated extinction prevention programs for critically endangered species at the brink of extinction, including Hawaiian plants and forest birds.

## **Key Joint Letters**

He signed onto the following joint letters with his colleagues to advance key priorities for the natural resources sector:

### 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (to date)

- Letter to USDA Secretary on the termination of the lease for the Brown Tree Snake Program (Moylan).
- Letter to USDA Secretary, Interior Secretary and Homeland Secretary on the Inflation Reduction Act funding freeze as it impacts wildfire preparedness (Neguse).
- Letter to the EPA on its proposed reduction in spending (Casten).
- Letter to the USDA on USFS layoffs (Huffman).
- Letter to the EPA on overturning climate change rules (Tonko).
- Letter to USDA Secretary on Freezing Urban and Community Forestry Grants (Tlaib).
- Letter to the U.S. Forest Service urging it to retain the Roadless Rule (Salinas and Ansari).
- Letter to the President and Interior Secretary to support the National Park System (Subramanyam and Moylan).

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- Letter to Speaker Mike Johnson and Leader Hakeem Jeffries to combat climate change in the 119<sup>th</sup> Congress (Levin).
- Letter to the EPA opposing its proposal to repeal the Endangerment Finding (Matsui).
- Letter to the EPA urging it to maintain drinking water standards for PFAS (Dingell).
- Letter to the General Service Administration opposing the planned facility closures at the Department of Interior, NOAA and USFS (Huffman).

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- Letter to Democratic Leadership opposing the NDAA language on Ambler Road (Grijalva).
- Letter to Senate Leadership urging the implementation of democratic improvements to the Fix Our Forests Act (Hoyle).
- Letter to the Office of Management and Budget requesting the authorized funding level for the Integrated Ocean Observation System Regional Observations in FY 2025 (Pingree).
- Letter to the Government Accountability Office requesting a review of federal resources to address wildfire risk (Grijalva).
- Letter to the Interior Secretary to provide information for the Natural Resources Committee's review and oversight of big oil collusion (Grijalva).
- Letter to the Natural Resources Committee requesting a hearing on your AQUAA Act (Mace).
- Letter to the Department of Interior supporting the proposed Biological Integrity, Diversity and Environmental Health rule (Mullin).

### 2023

- Letter to the Bureau of Land Management encouraging the expansion of protections for additional areas in the Western Arctic (Huffman).
- Letter to the Department of Defense on their PFAS cleanup efforts (Houlahan).
- Letter to the EPA on expanding its effort to address plastic pollution (Huffman).

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- Letter to DOD on UXO and FUDS contracting in Hawai'i (Case and Kahele).
- Letter to the President requesting expedited disaster relief for Hawai'i island in response to the Mauna Loa eruption (Case and Kahele).
- Letter to House leadership encouraging the inclusion of H.R. 1316, the National Heritage Area Act in an end-of-year package (?).
- Letter to the Assistant Secretary for Fish, Wildlife and Parks requesting that DOI expedite review of an appraisal for Kaupō Ranch on Maui (Case).
- Letter to OMB requesting \$450 million of discretionary funding for the Land and Water Conservation Fund for FY24 (Neguse).
- Amicus brief to the Supreme Court on the upcoming Sackett v. EPA case (DeFazio).
- Letter to the GAO asking for a review of climate change related assistance given to Bangladesh, Maldives and the Pacific Islands (Grijalva).

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- Delegation letter to the EPA requesting information on expected funding requirements for the agency to respond to Red Hill in FY23.
- Letter to the EPA expressing support for proposed methane regulations of new and existing oil and natural gas facilities (Beyer).
- Letter Interior Secretary urging a final rulemaking to implement a framework for incidental take under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (Lowenthal).
- Letter to President Biden urging the creation of a National Biodiversity Strategy (Neguse).

2021

- Letter to President Biden in support of the America the Beautiful Initiative and the 30x30 effort (House Natural Resources).
- Letter to President Biden supporting U.S. leadership towards implementation of global plastic pollution efforts (Lowenthal).
- Letter to President Biden urging him to reverse a Trump Era rule which removed prohibitions on the incidental take of migratory birds under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act.
- Letter to President Biden urging support for the Green Climate Fund (Espaillat).
- Letter to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service asking them to dedicate resources to pollinator conservation and habitat restoration (Carbajal).
- Amicus Brief to the U.S. New Mexico District Court on Clean Water Act rule in Navajo Nation v. Wheeler (DeFazio).
- Letter to President-Elect Biden urging him to rejoin the Paris Agreement (Pascrell).
- Letter to President Biden urging him to prioritize the rollback of “Censored Science” of the Trump Era (Bonamici).

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- Letter to the Interior Secretary opposing the Administration’s efforts to rush a lease sale and allow disruptive exploration in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge (Huffman).
- Letter to President Trump opposing the politicization of the 5<sup>th</sup> National Climate Assessment (Bonamici).
- Letter to the US Forest Service supporting Hawaii’s US Forest Legacy Projects (Hirono).
- Letter to the Agriculture Secretary opposing Tongass National Forest exemption from Roadless Rule (Gallego).
- Letter to DOI on Migratory Bird Treaty Act incidental take regulations (Lowenthal).
- Letter to the Natural Resources Committee on having a hearing on National Heritage Area feasibility studies (Case/Cuellar).
- Letter to the EPA Administrator urging him to withdraw the agency’s final rule to rewrite the methane pollution standards (DeGette).
- Letter to the USDA thanking it for response to the mystery seeds from China and encouraging it to take seriously the potential risks associated with the illegal entry of these seeds as the agency carries out its security and bioterrorism preparedness efforts (Arrington).
- Letter to Speaker confirming that Natural Resources Committee met requirements to hold a virtual mark up (Grijalva).

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- Letter to the Chair of the White House Council on Environmental Quality, Interior Secretary and the Agriculture Secretary opposing the Administration's rollbacks of environmental laws, particularly NEPA (Grijalva).
- Letter to the House Natural Resources Committee urging them to consider the Hawai'i National Forest Study at their next markup (Case).
- Letter to President Trump opposing changes to NEPA rules (McEachin).
- Letter to President Trump opposing executive order rolling back NEPA, ESA and CWA protections for infrastructure projects (Jayapal).
- Letter to the Natural Resources Committee minority members on continuing to hold forums and roundtables (Grijalva).
- Letter to Interior requesting documentation regarding reopening public land during COVID (Grijalva).
- Letter urging Interior to extend comment periods until after COVID (Lowenthal).
- Letter to the EPA Administrator opposing relaxing enforcement during COVID (Porter).
- Letter to the EPA Administrator calling for extending comment periods until after COVID.
- Letter on Migratory Bird Protection Act regulatory changes (Lowenthal).
- Letter to the EPA regarding China's National Sword Policy and recyclables (Takano).
- Letter to USFS regarding the NEPA Rule.
- Letter to the Council for Environmental Quality on weakening NEPA (DeGette).

### Statements (Floor and Committee)

He has given the following speeches and statements in both the full House and in committee to advocate for natural resources priorities.

#### 119th Congress

- Introduction Of The Invasive Species Response Act; Congressional Record Vol. 171, No. 111 ([June 27, 2025 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 171, No. 111\)\)](#))
- Supporting The Designation Of April 2025 As National Native Plant Month; Congressional Record Vol. 171, No. 52 ([March 21, 2025 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 171, No. 52\)\)](#))
- The Hawaii Native Species Conservation And Recovery Act; Congressional Record Vol. 171, No. 40 ([March 03, 2025 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 171, No. 40\)\)](#))
- The Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act; Congressional Record Vol. 171, No. 9 ([January 16, 2025 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 171, No. 9\)\)](#))

#### 118<sup>th</sup> Congress

- The Invasive Species Response Act; Congressional Record Vol. 170, No. 159 ([October 25, 2024 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 170, No. 159\)\)](#))
- Congressman Case Criticizes Deleting Climate Change Resiliency Funds in Defense FY25 Appropriations ([Youtube](#)), June 2024
- Congressman Case Commends Secretary of the Interior Haaland in House Natural Resources Committee ([Youtube](#)), May 2024

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- Congressman Ed Case speaks in opposition to climate resilience cuts in defense appropriations bill ([Youtube](#)), September 2023
- Congressman Ed Case speaks out to protect National Parks ([Youtube](#)), July 2023
- House Natural Resources Full Committee Markup April 27, 2023 ([Youtube](#))
- Introduction Of The Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act; Congressional Record Vol. 169, No. 70 ([April 26, 2023 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 169, No. 70\)](#))

### 117<sup>th</sup> Congress

- Congress Ed Case Acting Chair of Natural Resources Committee October ‘Ōlelo Show 2022 ([Youtube](#))
- Recovering America's Wildlife Act Of 2021; Congressional Record Vol. 168, No. 101 ([June 14, 2022 - House \(Vol. 168, No. 101\)](#))
- Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act; Congressional Record Vol. 168, No. 46 ([March 15, 2022 - House \(Vol. 168, No. 46\)](#))
- Congressman Case Speaks on the House Floor on the Ka'ena Point National Heritage Area Act (HR 1908) ([Youtube](#)), March 2022
- Red Hill Funding in the Further Additional Continuing Appropriations Act; Congressional Record Vol. 168, No. 25 ([February 08, 2022 - House \(Vol. 168, No. 25\)](#))
- Congressman Ed Case at WOW Legislative Hearing ([Youtube](#)), November 2021
- Hawaii National Forest Study; Congressional Record Vol. 167, No. 82 ([May 12, 2021 - House \(Vol. 167, No. 82\)](#))
- Congressman Case Testifies at SST Committee Member Day on Climate Change ([Youtube](#)), September 2021
- Congressman Ed Case Speaks at WOW Subcommittee Hearing on WaterSMART and Invasive Species in Hawai'i ([Youtube](#)), July 2021
- Congressman Ed Case and Hawai'i State Senator Chris Lee at the Committee on Natural Resources ([Youtube](#)), June 2021
- Congressman Ed Case Testifies at National Parks, Forests and Public Lands Legislative Hearing ([Youtube](#)), June 2021
- Congressman Case at the NPFPL Legislative Hearing ([Youtube](#)), May 2021
- Introduction Of The Hawaii Invasive Species Protection Act; Congressional Record Vol. 167, No. 12 ([January 21, 2021 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 167, No. 12\)](#))

### 116<sup>th</sup>

- National Landslide Preparedness Act; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)](#))
- Hawai'i National Forest Study; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)](#))
- House Passes Congressman Ed Case's H.R. 7045, For a Study on Creating a National Forest in Hawai'i ([Youtube](#)), December 2020
- Land Grant-Mercedes Traditional Use Recognition And Consultation Act; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)](#))
- Great Lakes Environmental Sensitivity Index Act Of 2020; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)](#))



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- Leech Lake Band Of Ojibwe Reservation Restoration Act; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)\)](#))
- National Heritage Area Act Of 2020; Congressional Record Vol. 166, No. 204 ([December 03, 2020 - House \(Vol. 166, No. 204\)\)](#))
- Congressman Ed Case Testifies in the House Natural Resources Subcommittee on a National Forest in Hawai'i ([Youtube](#)), June 2020
- Congressman Ed Case Opposes Regulations that Weaken Endangered Species Act ([Youtube](#)), January 2020
- Congressman Ed Case Introduces Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act ([Youtube](#)), January 2020.
- Protecting Hawaii's Unique And Fragile Environment; Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 206 ([December 19, 2019 - House \(Vol. 165, No. 206\)\)](#))
- Introduction Of The Hawai'i Invasive Species Protection Act; Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 206 ([December 19, 2019 - Extensions of Remarks \(Vol. 165, No. 206\)\)](#))
- Congressman Ed Case Asks about Impacts of Roadless Protections for National Forests ([Youtube](#)), November 2019.
- Congressman Ed Case Supports Endangered Species Act in Natural Resources Committee Hearing ([Youtube](#)), September 2019.
- National Landslide Preparedness Act; Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 92 ([June 03, 2019 - House \(Vol. 165, No. 92\)\)](#))
- House Debates and Passes Congressman Ed Case's Amendment to H.R. 9, the Climate Action Now Act ([Youtube](#)), May 2019.
- Climate Action Now Act; Congressional Record Vol. 165, No. 71 ([May 01, 2019 - House \(Vol. 165, No. 71\)\)](#))
- Congressman Ed Case on Climate Change Impacts on Tribal Communities ([Youtube](#)), February 2019
- Congressman Ed Case on Climate Change-Related Energy Transition Planning ([Youtube](#)), February 2019

### **Congressional Delegations**

He joined the following congressional delegations to advance natural resource priorities abroad.

- Rwanda and Tanzania, May 2024. Review issues under the jurisdiction of the House Committee on Natural Resources as they relate to wildlife conservation and resources, fisheries management, the Lacey Act, coastal zone management, Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) fishing, tourism and conservation.
- Kenya and Ghana, September 2022. Review wildlife trafficking, international conservation and IUU fishing. Specifically, the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) has a strong presence in Kenya that includes funding multiple grants, a law enforcement attaché stationed at the embassy and a Special Wildlife Crime Unit that supports capacity development and training to develop investigative capabilities for combating wildlife trafficking.

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### **Other Key Accomplishments**

Served on the Natural Resources Committee from the 116<sup>th</sup> to the 118<sup>th</sup> Congress.