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To save six families from eviction a bill introduced Wednesday could be seen as a compromise and a solution for Kahana Valley residents.

The states only "living park" is home to dozens of families. Residents and lawmakers are hoping to keep it that way.

"Immediately after the election we got together we started working on figuring out a solution and if there was a bill that we could come up with," Rep. Jessica Wooley said.

A bill was drafted and focuses on new long term leases for residents, developing a planning council and a master plan to enact the valley's purpose as a "living park".

"The amazing thing about this bill and this whole process there has been so much frustration for 30 years and the concept of a living park for Kahana Valley is very unique it's the only living park in the state," Rep. Wooley said.

The cause for the bill came from a decision to possibly evict six of the families living in the valley because their long term lease expired...prompting residents to protest.

"It's been a challenge and it's been wonderful," Rep. Wooley said.

In 1965 the state condemned the ahupuaa o kahana and made it into a state park, residents were given revocable permits that eventually became long term residential leases in exchange for maintaining the park through community service.

"That's included in our lease where we do 25 hours of interpreted services to the community," Kahana Valley resident Jolene Peapealalo said.

But over the years there hasn't been any structure or any direction for residents. Now it's hoped that instead of eviction an agreement between the residents and the state can be made.

"For one thing the master plan is long overdue and it's and in this bill it includes the master plan and its something that the valley really needs," Peapealalo said.

"This also takes numerous steps forward to make it more clear what their responsibilities are and also to establish a system that will work within DLNR," Rep. Wooley said.

If passed the Kahana Planning Council could meet as early as July to begin working on the parks master plan.

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