
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO STUDY THE ECONOMIC IMPACT OF THE FAILURE OF MOLOKAI HOMESTEADERS TO RECEIVE THE LEGISLATIVELY ALLOCATED TWO-THIRDS OF THE WATER IN THE MOLOKAI IRRIGATION SYSTEM AND WORK WITH THE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE TO MAXIMIZE THE BENEFITS OF THE SYSTEM FOR ALL USERS.

1 WHEREAS, section 168-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes, provides
2 in part that "...lessees of the Hawaiian homes commission shall
3 at all times, upon actual need therefor being shown to the board
4 of agriculture, have a prior right to two-thirds of the water
5 developed for the Molokai irrigation and water utilization
6 project by the tunnel development extending to Waikolu valley
7 and ground water developed west of Waikolu valley..."; and
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9 WHEREAS, the lessees of the Hawaiian Homes Commission on
10 Molokai are not receiving the benefit of the two-thirds
11 allocation set forth by statute; and
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13 WHEREAS, if the lessees received the allocation that they
14 are entitled to, the agricultural activities and resultant
15 economic benefits to the lessees could be immeasurable; and
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17 WHEREAS, since it was once envisioned that there was
18 sufficient arable land on Molokai to produce enough fresh
19 produce to supply the entire State, this increased agricultural
20 activity on the Molokai Hawaiian Home Lands could make this
21 vision a reality; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
25 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaiian Homes
26 Commission is requested to study the possible benefits of
27 increased agricultural activity on its Molokai lands if the
28 lessees of those lands were receiving the two-thirds allotment



1 of water from the Molokai irrigation system to which they are
2 legally entitled; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Homes Commission
5 is requested to consult and work with the Board of Agriculture
6 to ensure that:

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8 (1) The lessees of the Hawaiian Homes Commission on
9 Molokai receive their full allotment of water from the
10 Molokai irrigation system;

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12 (2) The operation and management of the Molokai irrigation
13 system is done in a way that it maximizes the benefits
14 of the system for all its users; and

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16 (3) All revenues derived from water charges, including
17 water tolls and acreage assessments, all filing fees,
18 and fees for new service connections for the Molokai
19 irrigation system be segregated from other revenues in
20 the irrigation system revolving fund and used solely
21 for the repair, maintenance, upkeep, improvement, and
22 operation and management of the Molokai irrigation
23 system; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Homes Commission
26 is requested to submit a report of its findings and the results
27 of its consultation with the Board of Agriculture, together with
28 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later than
29 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
30 2007; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
34 Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Chairperson of the Board of
35 Agriculture.

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