
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATIONS TO DEVELOP AND SUBMIT TO THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR A LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR THE NINE MEMBER COMMISSION CALLED FOR IN THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN REORGANIZATION ACT, ALSO KNOWN AS THE AKAKA BILL.

1 WHEREAS, introduced in Congress on January 25, 2005, the
2 Native Hawaiian Reorganization Act, also known as the Akaka
3 Bill, provides a process for the Hawaiian people to secure
4 recognition by the government of the United States of America;
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7 WHEREAS, one of the first steps in the process provided for
8 in the Akaka bill is the establishment of a nine member
9 commission to set the guidelines for native Hawaiians'
10 participation in the organization of a governing entity; and
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12 WHEREAS, central to the guidelines to be established is the
13 establishment of criteria for determining Hawaiian lineage and
14 ancestry; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is critical that the individuals selected to
17 serve on the commission be skilled and have the expertise in
18 Hawaiian ancestry verification and Hawaiian language, history,
19 and cultural traditions, practices, and protocols; and
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21 WHEREAS, it is important that beneficiaries of the Hawaiian
22 Homes Commission Act, especially those residing in Hawaiian
23 homestead communities throughout the State of Hawaii, be able to
24 submit names of qualified candidates for the commission; now,
25 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the State Council of
 4 Hawaiian Homestead Associations is requested to develop and
 5 submit to the United States Secretary of the Interior a list of
 6 qualified candidates for the nine member commission called for
 7 in the Native Hawaiian Reorganization Act; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Hawaiian
 10 Homestead Associations is urged to submit names of candidates
 11 who are skilled in Hawaiian lineal descendency verification and
 12 knowledgeable in the Hawaiian language, history, and cultural
 13 traditions, practices, and protocols; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Hawaiian
 16 Homestead Associations is requested to begin this process at its
 17 eighteenth Annual Convention; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Hawaiian
 20 Homestead Associations is urged to submit its list to the
 21 Secretary of the Interior no later than September 30, 2006; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's congressional
 25 delegation, the Secretary of the United States Department of
 26 Interior, and the Chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian
 27 Homestead Associations.

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