
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ASSIST THE
STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATIONS TO
IMPLEMENT STATEWIDE MEETINGS RELATING TO THE SALE AND
TRANSFER OF HAWAIIAN HOMELAND LEASES FOR PROFIT.

1 WHEREAS, the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of
2 1920, as amended, is to return native Hawaiians with fifty per
3 cent blood quantum to the land from which native Hawaiians had
4 been alienated; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act established a
7 land trust of over two hundred nine thousand acres for that
8 purpose; and

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10 WHEREAS, the management and daily operations of the
11 Hawaiian homes program is administered by the State of Hawaii
12 through its Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its nine-
13 member commission; and

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15 WHEREAS, over seven thousand residential leases have been
16 awarded during the eighty year history of the program; and

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18 WHEREAS, there are currently over thirty thousand native
19 Hawaiians on the applicants list awaiting a homeland lease
20 award; and

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22 WHEREAS, there have been instances where lessees have sold
23 the lease to their Hawaiian homeland to another native Hawaiian
24 for profit; and

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26 WHEREAS, some of those native Hawaiians who have benefited
27 from the purchase of a homeland lease in these transactions have
28 circumvented the wait list process; and

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30 WHEREAS, in some cases, lessees who have sold their leases
31 have reapplied for a homeland lease award; and

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1 WHEREAS, these actions are increasing and are causing
 2 dissension in the native Hawaiian homestead community and among
 3 those on the wait list; and

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 5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii has
 6 indicated an interest in the legality of these transactions; and

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 8 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was also
 9 designed to allow native Hawaiians to make decisions impacting
 10 conditions in the Hawaiian homestead community; now, therefore,

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 12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 13 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 14 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian
 15 Home Lands is requested to assist the State Council of Hawaiian
 16 Homestead Associations to implement a series of meetings
 17 statewide with beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission
 18 Act to fully discuss and remedy the sale and transfer of leases
 19 by Hawaiian homeland lessees for profit; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
 22 Lands is requested to provide technical assistance and funding
 23 to the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations in this
 24 effort; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Council of Hawaiian
 27 Homestead Associations is requested to work with the Department
 28 of Hawaiian Home Lands and *Hui Kako'o 'Aina Ho'opulapula* in
 29 planning and implementing these meetings; and

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 31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon completion of these
 32 meetings, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations
 33 is requested to work with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
 34 to fashion and implement administrative rules that will ensure
 35 the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act; and

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 37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
 39 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission who in turn is
 40 requested to transmit copies to other interested parties.

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