
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING DEL MONTE AND THE CAMPBELL ESTATE TO ALLOW RESIDENTS TO CONTINUE TO RESIDE AT KUNIA CAMP UNTIL AT LEAST UNTIL DECEMBER 2008, TO ALLOW THE RESIDENTS TIME TO FIND HOUSING SOLUTIONS OR AFFORDABLE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, Kunia Camp, located in Kunia, Oahu, has been home
2 to numerous Del Monte plantation workers and retirees for
3 several decades; and
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5 WHEREAS, the rent at Kunia Camp has continued to be very
6 affordable to residents, even with recent increases; and
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8 WHEREAS, Del Monte's lease with the landowner of Kunia
9 Camp, the James Campbell Estate, expires in December 2008; and
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11 WHEREAS, approximately 500 people live in the camp, many of
12 whom are Del Monte employees who will be terminated from
13 employment; the remainder are retirees; and
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15 WHEREAS, at the end of the lease, the property must be
16 restored to the same condition it was received, meaning that the
17 camp will have to be razed; and
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19 WHEREAS, many of the residents of Kunia Camp, particularly
20 the retirees, cannot afford accommodations outside of the camp;
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23 WHEREAS, for this reason, the residents, together with
24 elected officials, are searching for options -- including the
25 formation of the Kunia Camp Association -- to possibly assume
26 the lease for the camp property at least until 2008, the
27 expiration of the lease for Kunia lands; and
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29 WHEREAS, the Legislature is also considering having the
30 State assume ownership of the Kunia Camp land through various
31 means and options; and

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 2 WHEREAS, the residents of Kunia Camp are open to exploring
 3 any option that would allow them to remain at the camp until
 4 other affordable housing is found; now, therefore,

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 6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 7 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 8 of 2006, that this body hereby requests that Del Monte continue
 9 to operate Kunia Camp until at least December 2008, or, in the
 10 alternative, offer financial assistance to aid residents of
 11 Kunia Camp seeking housing solutions; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body hereby requests the
 14 James Campbell Estate to allow residents to continue to reside
 15 at Kunia Camp by entering into an agreement to lease parcels to
 16 the Kunia Camp Association or an entity of the Association's
 17 choice until at least December 2008, or such time as the
 18 residents need to find housing solutions or affordable
 19 alternative housing; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of
 23 the City and County of Honolulu, City and County of Honolulu
 24 Councilmember of the 2nd District, Chairperson of the Wahiawa
 25 Neighborhood Board No. 26, President of the Kunia Camp
 26 Association, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
 27 Resources, the Trustees of the James Campbell Estate, General
 28 Manager of Del Monte, President of the International
 29 Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union of Oahu.

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