
HOUSE 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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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2006, that the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead



1 Associations is requested to develop and submit to the United
 2 States Secretary of the Interior a list of qualified candidates
 3 for the nine member commission called for in the Native Hawaiian
 4 Reorganization Act; and

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

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

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

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

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