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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATIONS TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH NATIVE GOVERNMENTS TO IDENTIFY NATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATE FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

1           WHEREAS, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead  
2 Associations (State Council), has been in existence for eighteen  
3 years; and

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5           WHEREAS, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead  
6 Associations has accomplished historical achievements for all  
7 native Hawaiians in the following areas:

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9           (1) Extending leases to one hundred additional years;

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11           (2) Lowering of the blood quantum requirement to qualify  
12 for benefits to twenty-five per cent for the next  
13 generation; and

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15           (3) Assisting in the passing of Act 302 into law; and many  
16 other areas of native rights; and

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18           WHEREAS, the State Council is recognized as the State of  
19 Hawaii's largest native Hawaiian organization, which includes  
20 twenty-five homestead association boards that represent  
21 approximately thirty thousand persons on Hawaiian homestead  
22 land; and

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24           WHEREAS, the State Council has begun to specialize in  
25 management of its lands; carries more of its responsibilities  
26 within the governance of its community settings; and structures  
27 economic development opportunities; and

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29           WHEREAS, native governments have the inalienable right to  
30 develop customary laws and governance systems for its people;  
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1 WHEREAS, such a justice system is managed by native courts  
2 to settle disputes among its native people; and  
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4 WHEREAS, native justice systems are designed to be  
5 culturally appropriate to its people, while at the same time  
6 conforming to the laws, rules, and regulations of state, county,  
7 and federal governments; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2006, that the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead  
12 Associations is requested to appoint a committee to research  
13 native governments to identify native justice systems and make  
14 recommendations on systems appropriate for Hawaiian home lands;  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to  
18 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the  
19 Legislature, the Chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian  
20 Homestead Associations, who, in turn, is requested to submit the  
21 report to its membership, not less than twenty days prior to the  
22 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council of the  
25 State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is requested to  
26 seek out resources to fund the activities of the committee; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to  
29 disband one year after its establishment; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State  
33 Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association, the Chairperson of  
34 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Chairperson of the Board  
35 of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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