
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested
15 to assist the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations
16 to implement a series of meetings statewide with beneficiaries
17 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to fully discuss and remedy
18 the sale and transfer of leases by Hawaiian homeland lessees for
19 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 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of
39 the Hawaiian Homes Commission who in turn is requested to
40 transmit copies to other interested parties.
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