
HOUSE RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS FOR TWENTY-FIVE YEARS
OF OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITY AND THE
STATE OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY AT LARGE.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was established by
2 the people of Hawai'i by the State of Hawai'i Constitutional
3 Convention of 1978 and subsequent legislation and public
4 ratification, to better the conditions of all Hawaiians; and
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6 WHEREAS, in the November 4, 1980, general election, more
7 than 43,000 native Hawaiian voters elected the first board of
8 nine members comprising the Board of Trustees of the Office of
9 Hawaiian Affairs: Peter K. Apo, Roy L. Benham, Rodney K. Burgess
10 III, A. Frenchy De Soto, Thomas K. Kaulukukui Sr., Moses K.
11 Keale Sr., Joseph G. Kealoha, Jr., Walter L. Ritte, Jr., and Dr.
12 A. Leiomalama Solomon; and
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14 WHEREAS, over the past 25 years, an additional 33
15 individuals have been elected or appointed as Trustees of the
16 Office of Hawaiian Affairs providing leadership and trust
17 management on behalf of the Hawaiian and native Hawaiian
18 communities; and
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20 WHEREAS, hundreds of individuals have served in the
21 administration of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs as leaders,
22 experts, and support staff in such areas as economic
23 development, housing, legal services, human services, education,
24 cultural affairs, land management, historic preservation,
25 communications, health services, native rights, and governance;
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28 WHEREAS, since 1980, the Hawaiian community has made
29 substantial strides in areas such as Hawaiian cultural awareness
30 and identity, Hawaiian language education, political activism,
31 historic preservation, and higher education; and



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2 WHEREAS, the visibility of native Hawaiian issues and
3 history has significantly increased at the federal level with
4 the passage of Public Law 103-150, the "Apology Resolution" in
5 1993; and the introduction of the "Akaka Bill" in 2000, and
6 subsequent amended versions including the "Native Hawaiian
7 Government Reorganization Act of 2005" calling for federal
8 recognition of indigenous Hawaiians, currently under
9 consideration; and

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11 WHEREAS, in its 25th year, the Board of Trustees of the
12 Office of Hawaiian Affairs is led by Chairperson and At-large
13 Trustee S. Haunani Apoliona, MSW; Vice Chair and At-large
14 Trustee John D. Waihe'e IV; At-large Trustee Rowena N. Akana;
15 O'ahu Trustee Dante Keala Carpenter; Kaua'i and Ni'ihau Trustee
16 Donald B. Cataluna; Hawai'i Island Trustee Linda K. Dela Cruz;
17 Moloka'i and Lāna'i Trustee Colette Y. Machado; Maui Trustee
18 Boyd P. Mossman, retired judge; and At-large Trustee Oswald K.
19 Stender; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs currently employs a
22 staff of 127 led by Administrator Clyde W. Nāmu'o with offices
23 statewide and in Washington, D.C.; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs manages millions of
26 dollars from the Native Hawaiian Public Land Trust funds and
27 State general funds each year to be dispersed as funds for
28 programs, services, community grants, and advocacy that help to
29 better the conditions of more than 400,000 native Hawaiians who
30 live in Hawai'i and across the nation, and enhance the quality
31 of life of all who find their roots in Hawai'i; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, after 25 years,
34 continues to serve as Hawai'i's lead agency working on behalf of
35 native Hawaiians, in spite of numerous legal challenges and
36 threats to native Hawaiian rights and entitlements; now,
37 therefore,

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39 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
40 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
41 of 2006, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs be recognized for
42 25 years of outstanding service to the Hawaiian community and
43 the State of Hawai'i community at large; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives
 2 reaffirms its support of the many initiatives of the Office of
 3 Hawaiian Affairs including its work in advocating for federal
 4 recognition of native Hawaiians; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 7 Resolution be transmitted to the members of the Hawaii
 8 Congressional Delegation, the Governor, the Mayors and
 9 Chairpersons of the County Councils of the respective counties,
 10 and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.
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