
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO INCLUDE
ASSISTED AND INDEPENDENT LIVING HOUSING FOR KUPUNA IN ITS
DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
2 amended, was enacted to rehabilitate Native Hawaiians who had
3 been displaced from ancestral lands by returning them to the
4 land; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act established a
7 land trust of over two hundred thousand acres for that purpose;
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10 WHEREAS, the kuleana or responsibility for accomplishing
11 the mandate of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act rests with the
12 State's Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its nine-member
13 commission; and

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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has met this
16 mandate through the award of over seven thousand residential
17 leases to Native Hawaiians since its inception; and

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19 WHEREAS, many of those who received these leases are now
20 elderly and are unable to live alone without assistance; and

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22 WHEREAS, family members often have difficulty in assisting
23 their kupuna because meeting the financial and other needs of
24 their own families is a hardship; and

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26 WHEREAS, because of advances in medical technology, the
27 number of na kupuna living past age sixty-five is increasing;
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30 WHEREAS, the availability of assisted living housing units
31 for na kupuna are limited within the State and are non-existent
32 on Hawaiian home lands; and



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 2 WHEREAS, providing assisted living housing units within the
 3 Hawaiian homestead community for na kupuna, living both on and
 4 off Hawaiian home lands, will allow na kupuna living on Hawaiian
 5 home lands who need this assistance, to continue to reside
 6 within the Hawaiian homestead community; and
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8 WHEREAS, the homes now occupied by na kupuna who need
 9 assisted living housing units can be passed to their successors
 10 once na kupuna are relocated to assisted living housing units,
 11 thereby aiding family members to acquire a home on Hawaiian home
 12 lands; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
 16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
 17 Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to include assisted and
 18 independent living housing units for kupuna in its development
 19 plans; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 23 Chairperson and members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the
 24 Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate President,
 25 the Chairperson of the House Committee on Housing, the
 26 Chairperson of the House Committee on Hawaiian Affairs, the
 27 Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Hawaiian
 28 Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
 29 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing.
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