
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF A CULTURAL EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE PEOPLE OF HAWAI`I AND THE ISLAND OF RA`IATEA AND REQUESTING KE ALA `OLINO NATIVE CULTURAL CENTER TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO HELP FACILITATE A CULTURAL EXCHANGE.

- 1 WHEREAS, Ra`iatea is located in the southern part of the
2 Leeward Islands and is the fourth largest island in the Society
3 Islands; and
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- 5 WHEREAS, Ra`iatea is the cradle of Polynesian
6 civilizations; and
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- 8 WHEREAS, it is believed that the Polynesians who discovered
9 and settled Hawai`i embarked from Ra`iatea and named the new
10 land after their ancient home; and
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- 12 WHEREAS, Ra`iatea is also considered the foundation of
13 Polynesia's spiritual culture and has many important
14 archaeological sites, including the Taputapuatea Marae,
15 Polynesia's most significant and well-preserved religious site;
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- 18 WHEREAS, in ancient times, priests traveled from Polynesian
19 islands throughout the Pacific to the Taputapuatea Marae, a
20 sacred temple that was built in the southeastern part of the
21 island and dedicated to Oro, the Polynesian god of war; and
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- 23 WHEREAS, the people of Hawai`i can celebrate their common
24 Polynesian ancestry with the people of Ra`iatea through a
25 cultural exchange between the two communities; and
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- 27 WHEREAS, the Mayor of the Village of Taputapuatea has
28 expressed a strong interest in developing a cultural exchange
29 with the people of Hawai`i; and
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- 31 WHEREAS, ideas for sharing and rejoicing in our common
32 ancestry include a gathering in the Marae of outriggers from



1 each corner of the Polynesian triangle, coordinated trips that
2 would enable travelers to immerse themselves in the local
3 lifestyle, and student exchanges;

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5 WHEREAS, these ideas have the added benefit of stimulating
6 economic development between the two regions; now, therefore,

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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that this body recognize
11 the importance of a cultural exchange between the people of
12 Hawai`i and the people of Ra`iatea; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Ke Ala `Olino Native Cultural
15 Center is requested to create a task force to help facilitate a
16 cultural exchange between the people of Hawai`i and the Island
17 of Ra`iatea; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall be
20 comprised of eight members selected by Ke Ala `Olino Native
21 Cultural Center and including at least one representative from:

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23 (1) The Masters of Native Hawaiian Education and Training
24 Programs at the University of Hawaii;
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26 (2) A Native Hawaiian cultural center;
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28 (3) The tourism industry; and
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30 (4) Any other agency, organization, or entity that
31 expresses interest to participate in fulfilling the
32 task force's mandate; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force investigate and
35 recommend various ways the people of Hawai`i and the Island of
36 Ra`iatea can share and rejoice in their common ancestry;

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force submit its
39 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
40 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
41 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Ke Ala `Olino Native



1 Cultural Center, the Mayor of the Village of Taputapuatea, the
2 President of French Polynesia, and the President of the Assembly
3 of French Polynesia.
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