
SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
10 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
11 that the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is
12 requested to appoint a committee to research native governments
13 to identify native justice systems and make recommendations on
14 systems appropriate for Hawaiian home lands; and

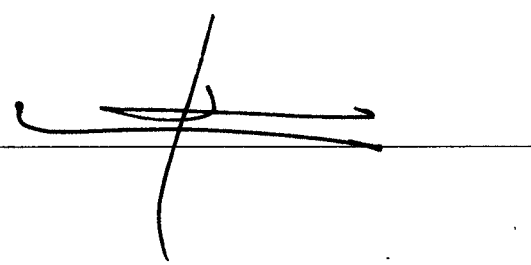
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to
17 submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
18 Legislature, the Chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian
19 Homestead Associations, who, in turn, is requested to submit the
20 report to its membership, not less than twenty days prior to the
21 convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council of the
24 State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is requested to
25 seek out resources to fund the activities of the committee; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to
28 disband one year after its establishment; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State
32 Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association, the Chairperson of
33 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Chairperson of the Board
34 of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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37 OFFERED BY: _____

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