
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO SUPPORT AND
ADVOCATE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND FUNDING OF COMMUNITY AND
YOUTH CENTERS IN HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD COMMUNITIES WITH
PRIVATE, COUNTY, STATE, AND FEDERAL FUNDING.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
2 amended (Hawaiian Homes Commission Act), provides for the
3 rehabilitation of Hawaiian people with fifty per cent or more
4 Hawaiian blood; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act provided 209,000
7 acres of dedicated land to achieve the intent of the Act; and

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9 WHEREAS, while the United States Congress has oversight of
10 the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, the administration and daily
11 operations of the program are managed by the State of Hawaii
12 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and its nine-member
13 commission; and

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15 WHEREAS, the emphasis in the early years of the program was
16 to rehabilitate native Hawaiian beneficiaries of the Hawaiian
17 Homes Commission Act by awarding leases to parcels of land for
18 residential, agricultural, and pastoral purposes; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has awarded
21 over seven thousand residential leases to native Hawaiians since
22 the beginning of the program; and

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24 WHEREAS, the intent of the author of the Hawaiian Homes
25 Commission Act, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole, was to not only
26 return the native Hawaiians to the land from which they had been
27 alienated, but to help provide the means whereby the Hawaiian
28 ohana, in the largest sense of the word--the ohana of family and
29 community--could come together and thus begin the healing of a
30 people; and

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32 WHEREAS, a "piko", or center, or a place in the community
33 is vital to that reconnection; and

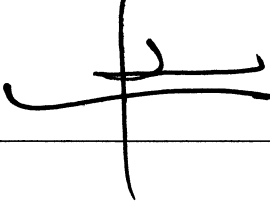


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2 WHEREAS, a majority of existing homestead communities lack
3 a center that can provide the impetus for families to gather, to
4 celebrate, to commemorate, to support, and to further build a
5 capacity for self-determination and self-governance; now,
6 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,
10 that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to
11 support the development and funding of community and youth
12 centers in Hawaiian homestead communities with private, county,
13 state, and federal funding; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
16 Lands is urged to assist and partner with Homestead Community
17 Associations in securing land, funds, and resources to build
18 these community centers designed to fit the vision and needs of
19 the particular community; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
23 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
24 United States House of Representatives, each member of Hawaii's
25 congressional delegation, the Secretary of the Interior, the
26 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Commissioners
27 of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Governor of the State
28 of Hawaii.

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31 OFFERED BY:  _____

