
SENATE 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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1 WHEREAS, providing assisted living housing units within the
 2 Hawaiian homestead community for na kupuna, living both on and
 3 off Hawaiian home lands, will allow na kupuna living on Hawaiian
 4 home lands who need this assistance, to continue to reside
 5 within the Hawaiian homestead community; and

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 7 WHEREAS, the homes now occupied by na kupuna who need
 8 assisted living housing units can be passed to their successors
 9 once na kupuna are relocated to assisted living housing units,
 10 thereby aiding family members to acquire a home on Hawaiian home
 11 lands; now, therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
 14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 15 that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to
 16 include assisted and independent living housing units for kupuna
 17 in its development plans; and

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 20 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson and
 21 members of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Senate President,
 22 the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Judiciary and
 23 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Senate Committee on
 24 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Housing.

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