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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING RELIEF FROM REAL PROPERTY TAXES ON KULEANA LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1850, the Kingdom of Hawaii confirmed several  
2 resolutions of the Monarch and Privy Council that granted to the  
3 maka'āinana allodial titles for their own lands and house lots,  
4 often referred to as "kuleana lands"; and

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6 WHEREAS, commercial development and other market forces  
7 have led to sharp increases in real property values and the  
8 concomitant increase in real property taxes, including kuleana  
9 lands, throughout the State; and

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11 WHEREAS, many Hawaiian families living on hereditary  
12 kuleana lands face the prospect of losing their land, and  
13 potential homelessness, due to their inability to afford these  
14 increased real property tax assessments; and

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16 WHEREAS, the risk of kuleana land owners losing their lands  
17 is a dire situation of statewide concern due to the social,  
18 economic, and cultural disruption that it poses; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
22 House of Representatives concurring, that each county of the  
23 State is requested to enact an ordinance or other law that  
24 exempts kuleana land from all real property taxation; and

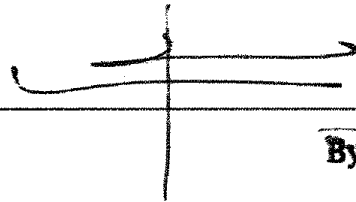
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are requested to  
27 provide that the tax exemption is applicable only to kuleana  
28 land that is owned in whole or in part by a lineal descendant of  
29 the Hawaiian person(s) who received the original title to the  
30 land pursuant to L. 1850, p. 202, entitled "An Act Confirming  
31 Certain Resolutions of the King and Privy Council, Passed on the  
32 21st Day of December, A.D. 1849, Granting to the Common People



1 Allodial Titles for Their Own Lands and House Lots, and Certain  
2 Other Privileges", as originally enacted and amended; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
6 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the  
7 Mayor of each county, the Chair of the Council of each county,  
8 and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian  
9 Affairs.  
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**By Request**

