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SENATE RESOLUTION

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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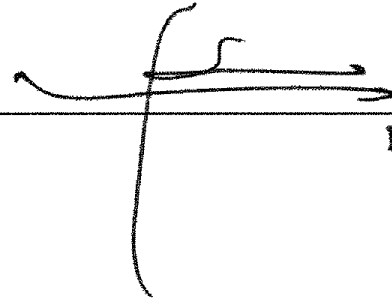
20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
22 that each county of the State is requested to enact an ordinance
23 or other law that exempts kuleana land from all real property
24 taxation; and
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26 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
33 Allodial Titles for Their Own Lands and House Lots, and Certain
34 Other Privileges", as originally enacted and amended; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Chairperson of
3 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Mayor of each
4 county, the Chair of the Council of each county, and the
5 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees, Office of Hawaiian
6 Affairs.

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9 OFFERED BY:


By Request

