
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS.

1 WHEREAS, recent news reports have indicated that the
2 Governor and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have been
3 negotiating a settlement to longstanding issues surrounding the
4 Public Land Trust; and
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6 WHEREAS, upon reaching a tentative negotiated settlement,
7 the Governor and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs provided the
8 Legislature and the public with terms of the proposed settlement
9 by means of legislation submitted during the 2008 Regular
10 Session; and
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12 WHEREAS, prior to submitting the legislation, neither the
13 Governor nor the Office of Hawaiian Affairs was forthcoming with
14 any Public Land Trust settlement details or if in fact any
15 negotiations were being conducted at all; and
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17 WHEREAS, during the 2008 Regular Session, the Legislature
18 was put in the awkward position of considering whether to accept
19 and enact the settlement proposal without any forewarning or
20 prior information being provided by the Office of Hawaiian
21 Affairs or the Governor to the Legislature, the beneficiaries of
22 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the general public; and
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24 WHEREAS, these actions have led the Legislature to question
25 whether the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is adequately managing
26 its affairs and its financial resources; and
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28 WHEREAS, in order for the Legislature to be confident that
29 any Public Land Trust settlement executed will be properly
30 managed by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Legislature
31 believes that the Auditor should conduct a management and
32 financial audit of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; now,
33 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
5 requested to conduct a management and financial audit of the
6 Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
9 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations on
10 the results of the financial and management audit not later than
11 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session;
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
16 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the
17 Auditor.

