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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR, THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ORGANIZE AND CONVENE A CONFERENCE TO BEGIN DISCUSSIONS FOR A HAWAIIAN CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

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2 WHEREAS, presently, native Hawaiian people do not have a  
3 governing entity or organization that represents all native  
4 Hawaiians on issues important to the Hawaiian community; and  
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6 WHEREAS, a Hawaiian constitutional convention is a process  
7 that would ensure political, economic, social, and educational  
8 advancement and protection of native Hawaiians; and  
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10 WHEREAS, native Hawaiian people need time to engage freely,  
11 without fear of threat or intimidation, in public debate to  
12 discuss the various options of self-governance available to  
13 them; and  
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15 WHEREAS, Queen Lili`uokalani, Hawaii's last reigning  
16 monarch, said:  
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18 "The cause of Hawaii and independence is larger and dearer  
19 than the life of any man connected with it. Love of  
20 country is deep-seated in the breast of every Hawaiian,  
21 whatever his station."; and  
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23 WHEREAS, a conference to begin discussions for a Hawaiian  
24 constitutional convention can lay the groundwork for planning,  
25 designing, delegating, and commencing a democratic process of  
26 deciding native Hawaiian self-governance; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Governor, the Office of  
31 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is




1 requested to organize and convene a conference to begin  
2 discussions relating to holding a Hawaiian constitutional  
3 convention; and

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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor, the Office of  
6 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, in  
7 convening the Hawaii constitutional convention conference, are  
8 urged to ensure opportunity for full discussion and  
9 consideration of issues critical to the self-governance of the  
10 native Hawaiian people, including but not limited to:

- 11 (1) A determination of Hawaiian citizenship;
- 12 (2) The selection of a governing entity or other political  
13 governmental system;
- 14 (3) Procedures to resolve conflicts;
- 15 (4) Development of a legitimate and effective constitution  
16 within the larger United States political framework;  
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- 18 (5) Hawaiian political cultures and traditions; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the Office of  
21 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are  
22 requested to encourage the participation of all Hawaiian  
23 organizations, political and social groups, and clubs to the  
24 conference so that the native Hawaiian population is well  
25 represented; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
29 Chairperson of the Board of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the  
30 Chairperson of Hawaiian Homes Commission; and the President of  
31 the Association of Hawaiian Civil Clubs who, in turn, is  
32 requested to distribute it to all Hawaiian civic clubs and other  
33 appropriate social and political organizations.  
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