
HOUSE 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, that the Governor, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and
31 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to organize
32 and convene a conference to begin discussions relating to
33 holding a Hawaiian constitutional convention; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Governor, the Office of
2 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, in
3 convening the Hawaii constitutional convention conference, are
4 urged to ensure opportunity for full discussion and
5 consideration of issues critical to the self-governance of the
6 native Hawaiian people, including but not limited to:

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- 8 (1) A determination of Hawaiian citizenship;
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- 10 (2) The selection of a governing entity or other political
- 11 governmental system;
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- 13 (3) Procedures to resolve conflicts;
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- 15 (4) Development of a legitimate and effective constitution
- 16 within the larger United States political framework;
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- 19 (5) Hawaiian political cultures and traditions; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, the Office of
22 Hawaiian Affairs, and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are
23 requested to encourage the participation of all Hawaiian
24 organizations, political and social groups, and clubs to the
25 conference so that the native Hawaiian population is well
26 represented; and

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

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