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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO SEEK AND GATHER  
INPUT ON REVENUE GENERATING INITIATIVES FROM ITS  
BENEFICIARIES.

1           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) was  
2 established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as  
3 amended, that was passed by Congress and signed into law by  
4 President Warren G. Harding on July 9, 1921, to provide for the  
5 rehabilitation of the native Hawaiian people through a  
6 government-sponsored homesteading program; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the mission of DHHL is to manage the Hawaiian Home  
9 Lands trust effectively, to develop and deliver lands to native  
10 Hawaiians, and to partner with others towards developing self-  
11 sufficient and healthy communities; and  
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13           WHEREAS, the intent of the homesteading program is to  
14 encourage the economic self-sufficiency of native Hawaiians  
15 through the provision of land for residential, agricultural,  
16 aquacultural, or pastoral use, and DHHL attempts to accomplish  
17 this by giving native Hawaiians 99-year homestead leases at an  
18 annual rental of \$1, with the option of extending these leases  
19 for an aggregate term not to exceed 199 years; and  
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21           WHEREAS, in addition to the direct benefits DHHL provides  
22 to native Hawaiians, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act also  
23 affords native Hawaiians additional benefits including financial  
24 assistance through direct loans or loan guarantees for home  
25 construction, replacement, or repair, and for the development of  
26 farms and ranches; technical assistance to farmers and ranchers;  
27 and the operation of water systems; and  
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29           WHEREAS, thousands of native Hawaiians have waited numerous  
30 years, some even waiting decades, for a land lease from DHHL,  
31 which has been slowed by limited financial resources necessary



1 for the development of infrastructure such as roads, water  
2 lines, and sewer lines, which are critical to the development of  
3 lots that are ready for home construction by leaseholders; and  
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5 WHEREAS, to address the loss of its single largest source  
6 of funding in 2015, namely a \$30 million annual appropriation as  
7 a result of a land settlement agreement with the State, DHHL has  
8 sought other means of financing homestead development including  
9 obtaining the authority to float millions of dollars in revenue  
10 bonds for development and establishing partnerships with other  
11 native Hawaiian trusts; and  
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13 WHEREAS, despite the tremendous efforts of DHHL and the  
14 marked improvement in the number of residential lots developed  
15 for homestead use over the past several years, funding  
16 constraints continue to hinder land development; and  
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18 WHEREAS, the development of homes and communities is  
19 critical to the economic self-sufficiency of native Hawaiians  
20 and DHHL must continue its efforts in finding additional sources  
21 of revenue to accomplish its development goals; and  
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23 WHEREAS, the beneficiaries of DHHL, that is, the native  
24 Hawaiian people, may have a number of relevant ideas on how DHHL  
25 can obtain increased funding and eventually become financially  
26 self-sufficient and this informational source should be tapped  
27 by DHHL; now, therefore,  
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
31 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that DHHL is urged to seek and  
32 gather input on revenue generating initiatives from its  
33 beneficiaries; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the  
37 Hawaiian Homes Commission.  
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