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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO REVISE ITS  
PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF SUCCESSORSHIP.

1           WHEREAS, the present successorship, a minimum of twenty-  
2 five per cent blood quantum, is insufficient to assure the  
3 transfer of lessee rights to successors who are of less than  
4 twenty-five per cent Hawaiian blood; and  
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6           WHEREAS, a significant number of intermarriages occur  
7 between qualified lessees and non-qualified spouses; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian population's blood quantum reduces  
10 with every passing generation, and, in some families, three or  
11 four times in one lessee's lifetime; and  
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13           WHEREAS, now is the time to reduce the required blood  
14 quantum for successors presently awaiting transfer; and  
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16           WHEREAS, to preserve the transfer of lands subject to the  
17 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, the  
18 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands should make immediate changes  
19 to the current procedures for lessee successorship; now,  
20 therefore,  
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22           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
24 of 2010, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested  
25 to revise its present policies and procedures by lowering the  
26 blood quantum requirement to 12.5 per cent for eligible  
27 successors; and  
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29           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the  
31 Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the  
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1 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the members of  
2 Hawaii's congressional delegation.

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