
HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING VOTER CAMPAIGNS AND POLITICAL FORUMS FOR THE
CANDIDATES SEEKING POLITICAL OFFICE, INCLUDING SEATS ON THE
OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS BOARD OF TRUSTEES.

1 WHEREAS, Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalanianaʻole believed it
2 important that the native Hawaiian community be informed and
3 active in civic and political issues; and
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5 WHEREAS, as a result, the Hawaiian Civic Club of Honolulu
6 was founded in 1918; today, 58 civic clubs are located
7 throughout Hawaii and in Alaska, California, Colorado, Illinois,
8 Nevada, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Tennessee; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs advocates
11 for the improved welfare of native Hawaiians in culture, health,
12 economic development, education, housing, social welfare, and
13 nationhood; and
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15 WHEREAS, people in leadership positions impact decisions on
16 issues of importance to the native Hawaiian community; and
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18 WHEREAS, political forums have helped voters to better
19 understand the issues and the stance of each candidate; this
20 enables voters to make sound, informed decisions when they cast
21 their vote; and
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23 WHEREAS, statistics show that more than 153,000 native
24 Hawaiians are eligible to vote, representing about 16 percent of
25 the voter population, and it is critical that their voice be
26 heard; and
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28 WHEREAS, efforts by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA)
29 and OHA's candidate forums, the Association of Hawaiian Civic
30 Clubs' voter registration drive, the Ilioulaokalani Coalition's
31 "No Vote, No Grumble" campaign, and the Council for Native
32 Hawaiian Advancement's "Native Votes Count" campaign
33 significantly improved native Hawaiian participation in the last
34 election; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2010, that this body supports voter campaigns and political
 4 forums for the candidates seeking political office, including
 5 seats on the OHA Board of Trustees; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Association of Hawaiian
 8 Civic Clubs is requested to host or participate in political
 9 discussion forums of candidates regarding political, cultural,
 10 and social issues of importance to the native Hawaiian
 11 community; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that civic clubs, schools, and other
 14 Hawaiian organizations and their members promote voter
 15 registration and participate in voter registration campaigns and
 16 drives; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that OHA, the Department of Hawaiian
 19 Home Lands, Kamehameha Schools, Council for Native Hawaiian
 20 Advancement, community foundations, and other organizations be
 21 encouraged to fund these initiatives that support educational
 22 and political forums, and native Hawaiian voter turnout; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of OHA,
 26 President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs, Chair of
 27 the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools, President of the
 28 Council for Native Hawaiian Advancement, Ilioulaokalani
 29 Coalition, and Hawaiian Independence Action Alliance.
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