
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL LANDS LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands Agricultural
2 Task Force was formed in 1998 to encourage successful farming on
3 agricultural and pastoral lands since only five percent of
4 homesteaders at the time were using the land for those purposes;
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7 WHEREAS, a 2010 study by the Center for Native Hawaiian
8 Advancement revealed that although there are nearly 20,000
9 applicants for agricultural and pastoral leases on homestead
10 land, fewer than 1,600 have actually been awarded leases; and
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12 WHEREAS, to increase the amount of agricultural and
13 pastoral leases awarded, the task force made several
14 recommendations to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
15 including increasing support services, value-added products, and
16 marketing support; and
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18 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has proven
19 that partnerships with other entities, such as the University of
20 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, can
21 be beneficial in expanding its educational and technical
22 assistance programs; and
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24 WHEREAS, augmenting support services by partnering with
25 other entities, such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs and the
26 Department of Agriculture, would increase the number of
27 successful homesteaders in agricultural enterprises by
28 increasing their knowledge and training in commercial and
29 subsistence agricultural production; best-management practices;
30 and marketing, financial, and business skills; now, therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2011, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested
4 to partner with the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Department
5 of Agriculture, and other appropriate entities to provide
6 support services to its beneficiaries to encourage successful
7 farming on agricultural and pastoral lands; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
11 Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
12 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Chairperson of the Board of
13 Agriculture.

