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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING A REVISION TO PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF BLOOD  
QUANTUM FOR SUCCESSORS TO LESSEES OF A HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
LEASE.

1 WHEREAS, currently, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act,  
2 1920, requires that upon the death of a homestead lessee, the  
3 lessee's interest shall vest in the relatives of the decedent  
4 who are at least one-quarter Hawaiian; and

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6 WHEREAS, the requirement that a successor to a lease has at  
7 least one-quarter or twenty-five percent blood quantum imposes a  
8 significant hardship on those lessees who are unable to assure  
9 transfer of lessee rights to a relative of less than one-quarter  
10 Hawaiian blood; and

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12 WHEREAS, a significant number of marriages occur between  
13 qualified lessees and non-qualified spouses, directly affecting  
14 generations of Hawaiians by reducing the blood quantum, in some  
15 families, numerous times during a lessee's lifetime; and

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17 WHEREAS, a reduction in the required blood quantum for a  
18 successor is long overdue, particularly for those lessees faced  
19 with reserving the transfer of their award to their eligible  
20 successor; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
25 Hawaiian Home Lands is urged to revise its present policies on  
26 matters of blood quantum for successors to homestead lessees;  
27 and


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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home  
30 Lands' policy to allow a lessee's interest in a homestead lease  
31 to vest to a successor that is based upon a minimum percentage  
32 of Hawaiian blood quantum be reduced from requiring the



1 successor to have a minimum blood quantum of twenty-five percent  
2 to merely requiring the successor to have a minimum blood  
3 quantum of no more than 12.5 percent in order for the successor  
4 to qualify as an eligible successor and vest in the interest of  
5 a lessee's homestead lease; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
9 Hawaiian Homes Commission.  
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