
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO STUDY THE
FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING KANAKA VILLAGES FOR HOMELESS
NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1 WHEREAS, the State has opened several new homeless shelters
2 in response to the rapidly increasing homeless population; and
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4 WHEREAS, in spite of efforts by government and nonprofit
5 organizations to provide overnight shelter to homeless persons,
6 there are still many homeless individuals who sleep in public
7 parks, along sidewalks, and in other areas; and
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9 WHEREAS, native Hawaiians constitute nearly forty per cent
10 of the homeless population in the State; and
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12 WHEREAS, many homeless native Hawaiians choose not to use
13 homeless shelters because their lifestyles conflict with shelter
14 rules; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
19 Affairs is requested to study the feasibility of establishing
20 kanaka villages as described in House Bill No. 1489, House
21 Draft 2 (2011), where homeless native Hawaiians may live in
22 tents and subsist off of the land using traditional Hawaiian
23 methods of sustainability; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its study, the
26 Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to:
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- 28 (1) Consult with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and
29 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and
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1 (2) Identify appropriate areas on Department of Hawaiian
 2 Home Lands property that may be used for kanaka
 3 villages; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 6 is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its
 7 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 8 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 9 the Regular Session of 2012; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 13 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the
 14 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Executive
 15 Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.
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