
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS 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 40 percent of
10 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 Governor's Coordinator
19 on Homelessness is requested to study the feasibility of
20 establishing kanaka villages, as described in House Bill No.
21 1489, House Draft 2 (2011), in which homeless Native Hawaiians
22 may live in tents and subsist off the land using traditional
23 Hawaiian methods of sustainability; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the study, the
26 Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness 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



1 (2) Identify appropriate areas on Department of Hawaiian
2 Home Lands property that may be used for kanaka
3 villages;

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coordinator on Homelessness
8 is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of the
9 Coordinator's findings and recommendations, including any
10 proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the
11 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Governor's
15 Coordinator on Homelessness, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
16 Commission, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
17 Authority.

