
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PARTNER WITH THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND OTHER APPROPRIATE ENTITIES TO PROVIDE SUPPORT SERVICES TO ITS BENEFICIARIES TO ENCOURAGE SUCCESSFUL FARMING ON AGRICULTURAL AND PASTORAL 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 per cent 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 twenty
9 thousand applicants for agricultural and pastoral leases on
10 homestead land, fewer than sixteen hundred have actually been
11 awarded leases; and
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13 WHEREAS, to increase the amount of agricultural and
14 pastoral leases awarded, the task force made several
15 recommendations to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
16 including increasing support services, value added products, and
17 marketing support; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has proven
20 that partnerships with other entities, such as the University of
21 Hawaii College of Tropical Agriculture and Human Resources, can
22 be beneficial in expanding its educational and technical
23 assistance programs; and
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25 WHEREAS, augmenting support services by partnering with
26 other entities, such as the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, would
27 increase the number of successful homesteaders in agricultural
28 enterprises by increasing their knowledge and training in
29 commercial and subsistence agricultural production, best
30 management practices, marketing, financial, and business skills;
31 now, therefore,
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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 and other
5 appropriate entities to provide support services to its
6 beneficiaries to encourage successful farming on agricultural
7 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 Board of the
11 Hawaiian Homes Commission and the Chairperson of the Board of
12 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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