
HOUSE 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, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to
19 study the feasibility of establishing kanaka villages as
20 described in House Bill No. 1489, House Draft 2 (2011), where
21 homeless native Hawaiians may live in tents and subsist off of
22 the land using traditional Hawaiian methods of sustainability;
23 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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31 (2) Identify appropriate areas on Department of Hawaiian
32 Home Lands property that may be used for kanaka
33 villages; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 2 is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of its
 3 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
 4 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 5 the Regular Session of 2012; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
 9 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Chairperson of
 10 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Executive Director of the
 11 Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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