HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.R. NO. 254

HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AUDITOR TO AUDIT THE SPENDING OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS FROM JULY 1, 2001, TO JUNE 30, 2010, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO REPORT ANNUALLY TO THE LEGISLATURE ON CERTAIN INFORMATION REGARDING HOMESTEAD LOTS.

1 WHEREAS, in 1921, with the enactment of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, the United States set aside approximately 2 3 200,000 acres of land to establish a permanent homeland for 4 native Hawaiians; and WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, was 5 6 subsequently incorporated into the Hawaii State Constitution; 7 and 8 9 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands was established by the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, and is 10 11 headed by an executive board known as the Hawaiian Homes 12 Commission; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands owes a fiduciary duty to its beneficiaries; and 15 16 WHEREAS, it is essential that: 17 18 19 (1) The beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands gain access to lands set aside for them as 20 21 expeditiously as possible; and 22 (2) The Department of Hawaiian Home Lands manage and spend 23 wisely and effectively the moneys entrusted to it; 24 25 now, therefore, 26



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 2 3 of 2011, that the State Auditor conduct a comprehensive audit of all spending by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands from July 4 5 1, 2001, to June 30, 2010; and 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home 7 Lands is requested to provide its full cooperation and all 8 relevant data and other information to the State Auditor during 9 10 the planning and implementation of the audit; and 11 12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Auditor is requested 13 to submit her findings and recommendations to the Legislature, no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular 14 15 Session of 2012; and 16 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home 18 Lands is requested to include in all future annual reports to 19 the Legislature: 20 21 (1)The total number of homestead lots awarded; 22 23 (2)The total number of homestead lots awarded where a 24 home was actually built on the lot; 25 (3) The total number of homestead lots awarded where 26 27 infrastructure improvements were made, resulting in a ready-to-build lot; and 28 29 30 (4)The amount of capital improvement project funds that were issued to support infrastructure developments on 31 32 the homestead lots that were awarded, specified by 33 type (e.g., general obligation bonds, revenue bonds, 34 etc.); and 35 36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home 37 Lands is requested to report to the Legislature on all items listed in the directly-preceding clause from January 1, 2002, to 38 December 31, 2009, no later than 20 days prior to the convening 39

40 of the Regular Session of 2012; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
Hawaiian Homes Commission, and State Auditor.

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