
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands administers
2 certain state lands, known as Hawaiian Home Lands, for
3 homesteads; and
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5 WHEREAS, these homesteads are designed to allow native
6 Hawaiians to return to their lands and to promote self-
7 sufficiency, self-determination, and preservation of the values,
8 culture, and tradition of native Hawaiians; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands leases
11 homesteads to native Hawaiians who are at least fifty per cent
12 Hawaiian by blood; and
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14 WHEREAS, homestead leases may extend up to one hundred
15 ninety-nine years, with each lessee paying a lease fee of \$1 per
16 year; and
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18 WHEREAS, in addition to administering homestead leases, the
19 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands carries out other duties, such
20 as the development of Hawaiian Home Lands for income-producing
21 purposes or for homestead use through the provision of grants
22 and technical assistance to beneficiary organizations; and
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24 WHEREAS, a comprehensive financial and management audit
25 would be useful in providing insight into the operation of the
26 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as a whole; now, therefore,
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2012, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
31 comprehensive financial and management audit of the Department
32 of Hawaiian Home Lands; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
35 the audit include, but not be limited to, an assessment of



1 grants provided and contracts entered into and administered by
2 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
5 submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations,
6 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
7 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
8 of 2013; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Chairperson of
12 the Hawaiian Homes Commission.
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OFFERED BY:  _____

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