
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING KULEANA LANDS AS HISTORICAL LANDS AND URGING THE
COUNTIES TO SUPPORT EFFORTS TO PROMOTE CONTINUED ANCESTRAL
OWNERSHIP OF KULEANA LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, following the Māhele, several thousand native
2 tenants, or maka'āinana, were granted title to the lands they had
3 occupied and improved under the Kuleana Act of 1850; and
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5 WHEREAS, the health and the well-being of the Native
6 Hawaiian people is intrinsically tied to the deep feelings and
7 attachment to the 'āina (land); and
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9 WHEREAS, the "value" placed on these kuleana lands is
10 without measure, and represents a lasting relationship between
11 Native Hawaiians and their ancestors, their people, and the
12 Hawaiian monarchy; and
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14 WHEREAS, over the generations, these families have
15 continued to mālama 'āina (care for the land) and are determined
16 to preserve, develop, and transmit to the future generations,
17 their ancestral lands, so that their descendants can carry on
18 the legacy; and
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20 WHEREAS, the rapid escalation of land values in the recent
21 years have resulted in emotional and financial struggles for
22 Native Hawaiian families that are trying to keep kuleana lands
23 in their family, and ultimately contributed to the continual
24 loss of these historical and traditional family lands; and
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26 WHEREAS, today, very few Native Hawaiian families live on
27 their ancestral kuleana lands; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
32 recognizes the historical, cultural, and ancestral importance of



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1 kuleana lands to the Native Hawaiian families and urges the
2 counties to support efforts to promote continued ancestral
3 ownership of kuleana lands; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the mayors and
7 councilmembers of the City and County of Honolulu, the County of
8 Hawai'i, the County of Kaua'i, and the County of Mau'i, and to the
9 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
10 Affairs.
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OFFERED BY: _____



By Request

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