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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO ASSEMBLE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES; INVESTIGATE SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND PRIVATE LAND FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND PREPARE A PLAN TO DEVELOP A DEMONSTRATION HOUSING PROJECT FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES THAT CAN SERVE AS A MODEL STATEWIDE.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is a complex and multi-faceted issue
2 that requires planning, coordination, implementation, and
3 funding across federal, state, county, business, local, and
4 community lines; and

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6 WHEREAS, although local government agencies, non-profit
7 service providers, and other private sector organizations have
8 diligently and successfully assisted homeless individuals, the
9 number of individuals and families in Hawaii who are homeless
10 continues to increase, with the number of homeless individuals
11 served increasing by over one thousand from 13,000 in 2009 to
12 approximately 14,000 in 2012; and

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14 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are disproportionately
15 represented among Hawaii's homeless at twenty-eight percent of
16 the homeless served; and

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18 WHEREAS, homelessness is often a revolving door for many
19 Native Hawaiian families because of underlying and unresolved
20 socioeconomic problems such as unemployment, poor health, and
21 substance abuse; and

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23 WHEREAS, to break the cycle of homelessness and end the
24 generational neglect of children within homeless Native Hawaiian
25 families, it is necessary to develop innovative housing
26 solutions that provide the families with stable housing and
27 access to support and to strengthen services to resolve
28 underlying problems; and



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2 WHEREAS, developing these solutions will require the
3 cooperation and collaboration of the agencies and organizations
4 from the governmental, private, business, and non-profit sectors
5 of our community; and
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7 WHEREAS, because innovative housing solutions for homeless
8 Native Hawaiian families may include traditional, culturally
9 based solutions, such as re-creating "kauhale" housing
10 complexes, the participation of expert Hawaiian cultural
11 practitioners will be required; now, therefore,
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Coordinator on
16 Homelessness is directed to assemble a working group of
17 individuals from federal, state, and county government agencies,
18 the business community, private sector organizations, non-profit
19 service providers, and Hawaiian cultural practitioners to:
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- 21 (1) Identify innovate housing solutions for homeless
22 Native Hawaiian families;
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24 (2) Investigate suitable and available federal, state,
25 county, and private land for innovative housing
26 projects; and
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28 (3) Prepare a plan to develop a demonstration housing
29 project for homeless Native Hawaiian families that can
30 serve as a model statewide; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group, chaired by
33 the Coordinator on Homelessness, is requested to include
34 representatives from the following:
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- 36 (1) Department of Human Services;
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38 (2) Department of Health;
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40 (3) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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42 (4) Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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44 (5) Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;



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- 2 (6) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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- 4 (7) Interagency Council on Homelessness;
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- 6 (8) Workforce Hawaii;
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- 8 (9) Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation;
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- 10 (10) Department of Agriculture;
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- 12 (11) United States Department of Housing and Urban
- 13 Development;
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- 15 (12) United States Department of Agricultural Rural
- 16 Development;
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- 18 (13) County Parks and Recreation Departments;
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- 20 (14) University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional
- 21 Planning;
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- 23 (15) University of Hawaii School of Architecture;
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- 25 (16) Partners in Development Foundation, Inc.;
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- 27 (17) Blueprint for Change;
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- 29 (18) Hawaiian Community Assets;
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- 31 (19) Alternative Structures International, Hawaii;
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- 33 (20) Hawaii Habitat for Humanity; and
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- 35 (21) Appropriate, Hawaiian cultural practitioner groups;
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
39 to report its findings and recommendations, including:

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- 41 (1) Recommended solutions to the problem of homeless
- 42 Native Hawaiians;
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- 1 (2) Identification of potential land sites for innovative
- 2 housing projects; and
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- 4 (3) A draft plan to develop a demonstration project for
- 5 homeless Native Hawaiians,
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- 7 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
- 8 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
 12 Coordinator on Homelessness; Director of Human Services;
 13 Director of Health; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;
 14 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
 15 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Executive Director
 16 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Executive Director of the
 17 Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation; Chairperson
 18 of the Board of Agriculture; Department Chair of the University
 19 of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional Planning; Dean of the
 20 University of Hawaii School of Architecture; United States
 21 Department of Housing and Urban Development; United States
 22 Department of Agricultural Rural Development; Directors of the
 23 County Parks and Recreation Departments; Partners in Development
 24 Foundation, Inc.; Blueprint for Change; Hawaiian Community
 25 Assets; Alternative Structures International, Hawaii; and Hawaii
 26 Habitat for Humanity.

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