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# SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
31 House of Representatives 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

