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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE REGARDING ITS POLICY TO DEVELOP RENTAL PROPERTIES FOR OCCUPANCY BY ITS BENEFICIARIES AND ENSURE THAT BENEFICIARIES MAINTAIN THEIR PLACEMENT ON THE WAITLIST FOR HOMESTEAD LEASES WHILE RESIDING IN A DEPARTMENT RENTAL.

1           WHEREAS, sixty-eight percent of low-income Native  
2           Hawaiians, those making less than eighty percent of area median  
3           income, experience housing problems, and seventy-five percent of  
4           very low-income Native Hawaiians, those making less than fifty  
5           percent of area median income, experience housing problems; and  
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7           WHEREAS, as of September 11, 2012, there were 26,550  
8           individual applicants on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands'  
9           waitlist for homestead leases; and  
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11           WHEREAS, many beneficiaries of the Department of Hawaiian  
12           Home Lands must first establish credit before they are able to  
13           qualify for a mortgage on a homestead lease; and  
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15           WHEREAS, according to Auditor's Report No. 13-02, April  
16           2013, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has a significant  
17           amount of defaulted mortgage loans with a delinquency rate of  
18           almost thirty-two percent at the end of fiscal year 2012; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has the  
21           potential for higher returns from rental properties than it does  
22           from heavily subsidized mortgages; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25           Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26           Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
27           Hawaiian Home Lands is urged to submit a report to the  
28           Legislature regarding its policy to develop rental properties  
29           for occupancy by its beneficiaries; and  
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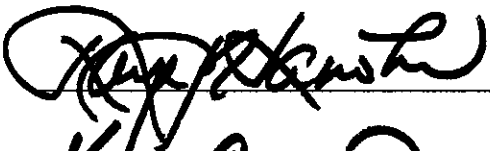




1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home  
2 Lands is urged to ensure that its beneficiaries will not lose  
3 their place on the homestead waitlist while residing in a  
4 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' rental; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
8 Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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OFFERED BY:

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