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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONSIDER  
RENEGOTIATING THE STATE'S TRANSFER OF LAND TO THE OFFICE OF  
HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS FOR DISPUTED CLAIMS RELATING TO A PORTION  
OF INCOME PROCEEDS FROM THE PUBLIC LAND TRUST.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Constitution requires that the Office  
2 of Hawaiian Affairs receive a share of revenue derived from the  
3 public land trust; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State has the necessary funds to at least make  
6 partial payments to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

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8 WHEREAS, efforts to settle the claims of past due revenue  
9 through the courts have proved to be unsuccessful; and

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11 WHEREAS, on April 11, 2012, Governor Neil Abercrombie  
12 signed into law a bill that transferred about twenty-five acres  
13 of ceded lands to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, presumably  
14 worth \$200,000,000 for the settlement of past income and  
15 proceeds due to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from the public  
16 land trust; and

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18 WHEREAS, the land transferred to the Office of Hawaiian  
19 Affairs consisted mainly of Kakaako land and not any land from  
20 the neighbor islands; and

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22 WHEREAS, the amount and quality of the land transferred is  
23 not proportional to its estimated \$200,000,000 value and the  
24 land itself is inadequate to build the infrastructure necessary  
25 to generate sufficient revenue; and

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27 WHEREAS, the settlement unfairly deprived the Office of  
28 Hawaiian Affairs of its constitutional right to receive past  
29 income and proceeds from the public land trust and essentially  
30 deprived Native Hawaiians of the full benefit of the programs  
31 administered by the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and  
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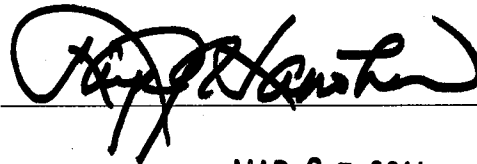


1 WHEREAS, the settlement offer was the only alternative and  
2 choice for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to receive any kind of  
3 compensation owed to them for income and proceeds past due to  
4 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs from the public land trust; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
9 Session of 2014, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is  
10 requested to consider reopening negotiations with the State for  
11 the settlement of past income and proceeds due to the Office of  
12 Hawaiian Affairs from the public land trust lands under sections  
13 4 and 6 of Article XII of the Hawaii State Constitution, for the  
14 period between November 7, 1978, up to and including June 30,  
15 2012, as formalized in Act 15, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of  
19 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.  
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OFFERED BY:



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