
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER THE PRACTICE OF LAND EXCHANGES TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS IN LOCATIONS THAT BETTER SERVE THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of
2 Hawaiian Home Lands has over 27,000 applicants on the waiting
3 list for homestead leases; and
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5 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians make up a significant portion of
6 the homeless population in Hawaii and many of these individuals
7 and families receive or are waiting to receive services from the
8 State; and
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10 WHEREAS, many Native Hawaiians choose not to apply for
11 Hawaiian homestead leases because of the daunting size of the
12 waiting lists, the slow rate at which people on the waiting
13 lists receive leases, and the relative geographic isolation of
14 the communities in which Hawaiian homestead leases are
15 available; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has been
18 unable to significantly improve the housing rate for its
19 beneficiaries in the past several decades; and
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21 WHEREAS, twenty six per cent of the Native Hawaiian
22 population are low income and twelve per cent are below the
23 poverty level; and
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25 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are over represented in high
26 school drop-out rates, and only fifteen per cent of the
27 population holds a bachelor's degree; and
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H.C.R. NO. 204

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools is the third-largest landholder
 2 in the State, behind only the state and federal governments in
 3 terms of total acreage held; and

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 5 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools' purpose is to create
 6 educational opportunities in perpetuity to improve the
 7 capability and well-being of people of Hawaiian ancestry; now,
 8 therefore,

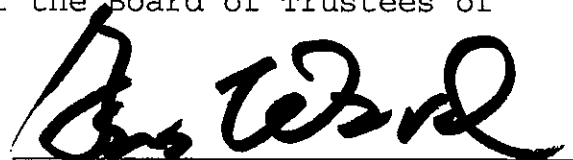
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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 11 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 12 Session of 2016, the Senate concurring, that, in efforts to
 13 mitigate the struggles of Native Hawaiians, Kamehameha Schools
 14 is encouraged to pursue effective partnerships with community
 15 organizations and non-profits to support their educational and
 16 outreach efforts; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the Kamehameha Schools and the
 19 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands are encouraged to partner with
 20 each other in any useful format outside of that which is defined
 21 in H.R. No. 21 or H.C.R. No. 54 of the Regular Session of 2016;
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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools is
 25 encouraged to review owned properties outside of the urban core
 26 that may be useful for development by the Department of Hawaiian
 27 Home Lands and consider land exchanges in pursuit of their
 28 mission; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chair of
 32 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chief Executive Officer of the
 33 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chief Executive Officer of
 34 Kamehameha Schools, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of
 35 Kamehameha Schools.

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 37 OFFERED BY:



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