
HOUSE 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.R. NO. 150

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, that, in efforts to mitigate the struggles of
 13 Native Hawaiians, Kamehameha Schools is encouraged to pursue
 14 effective partnerships with community organizations and non-
 15 profits to support their educational and outreach efforts; and

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

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

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