
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE
STAKEHOLDERS OF NATIVE HAWAIIAN-CULTURE-BASED HOOPONOPONO
SERVICES.

1 WHEREAS, historically, Native Hawaiians have been
2 overrepresented in the criminal justice system; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs documented this
5 overrepresentation in a 2010 report entitled "The Disparate
6 Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System";
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9 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Twenty-Sixth Legislature passed S.B.
10 986, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, which became Act 170, Session Laws
11 of Hawaii 2011, and established the Native Hawaiian Criminal
12 Justice Task Force to examine and make recommendations to
13 alleviate the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in the
14 criminal justice system; and

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16 WHEREAS, in its 2012 report, the Native Hawaiian Criminal
17 Justice Task Force, among other recommendations, recommended
18 that the State recognize and support community efforts to
19 promote indigenous cultural models of restorative justice proven
20 to be effective in rehabilitation; and

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22 WHEREAS, traditional Native Hawaiian practices such as
23 hooponopono have demonstrated effectiveness in offender
24 rehabilitation, as well as in community education, individual
25 and public health, and family therapy; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs continues to work
28 toward improving the condition of Native Hawaiians through
29 research, direct services, programs, community outreach,
30 education and training, prevention programs and services, and



1 policy recommendations grounded in Native Hawaiian values and
2 beliefs; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs can convene
5 stakeholders rooted in cultural foundations, integrative
6 services, and traditional practices such as hooponopono
7 alongside state governmental authorities; now, therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
12 Affairs is requested to convene stakeholders on capacity
13 building, training, and the perpetuation of hooponopono in order
14 to strengthen integrative public safety programs that can
15 incorporate Native Hawaiian values, practices, families, and
16 communities into public safety and other appropriate state
17 government programming; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of
20 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chief Executive Officer's
21 designee, is requested to invite the following persons who, in
22 turn, are requested to participate with the Chief Executive
23 Officer or Chief Executive Officer's designee in the convening
24 of stakeholders:

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26 (1) The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's
27 designee;

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29 (2) The Director of Human Services, or the Director's
30 designee;

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32 (3) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, or
33 the Chief Justice's designee;

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35 (4) Representatives from other state agencies that have
36 used or are interested in implementing hooponopono
37 programs;

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39 (5) The Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi, or the
40 Executive Director's designee;

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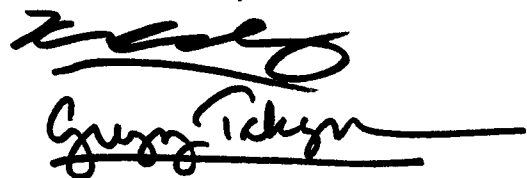
- 1 (6) Traditional practitioners who have expertise in
- 2 hooponopono and its use in public systems;
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- 4 (7) Representatives from community organizations who have
- 5 expertise in culturally based values or correctional
- 6 systems; and
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- 8 (8) Representatives from any other entities the Office of
- 9 Hawaiian Affairs deems necessary to invite; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 12 is requested to develop models that support hooponopono as a
 13 traditional Native Hawaiian system of well-being and improve
 14 state prevention, intervention, or reintegration programs
 15 targeting Native Hawaiians; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 18 is requested to submit findings and recommendations, including
 19 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 20 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2018;
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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board
 25 of Trustees and the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of
 26 Hawaiian Affairs; the Director of Public Safety; the Director of
 27 Human Services; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of
 28 Hawaii; the Governor; and the Executive Director of Papa Ola
 29 Lokahi.

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