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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

WHEREAS, historically, Native Hawaiians have been 1 2 overrepresented in the criminal justice system; and 3 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs documented this 4 overrepresentation in a 2010 report entitled "The Disparate 5 Treatment of Native Hawaiians in the Criminal Justice System"; 6 7 and 8 WHEREAS, in 2011, the Twenty-Sixth Legislature passed S.B. 9 986, S.D. 2, H.D. 3, C.D. 1, which became Act 170, Session Laws 10 of Hawaii 2011, and established the Native Hawaiian Criminal 11 Justice Task Force to examine and make recommendations to 12 alleviate the overrepresentation of Native Hawaiians in the 13 criminal justice system; and 14 15 WHEREAS, in its 2012 report, the Native Hawaiian Criminal 16 Justice Task Force, among other recommendations, recommended 17 that the State recognize and support community efforts to 18 promote indigenous cultural models of restorative justice proven 19 20 to be effective in rehabilitation; and 21 WHEREAS, traditional Native Hawaiian practices such as 22 hooponopono have demonstrated effectiveness in offender 23 rehabilitation, as well as in community education, individual 24 and public health, and family therapy; and 25 26 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs continues to work 27 toward improving the condition of Native Hawaiians through 28 research, direct services, programs, community outreach, 29 education and training, prevention programs and services, and 30 policy recommendations grounded in Native Hawaiian values and 31 beliefs; and 32



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1 2 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs can convene stakeholders rooted in cultural foundations, integrative 3 services, and traditional practices such as hooponopono 4 5 alongside state governmental authorities; now, therefore, 6 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 8 of 2017, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to 9 convene stakeholders on capacity building, training, and the 10 perpetuation of hooponopono in order to strengthen integrative 11 public safety programs that can incorporate Native Hawaiian 12 values, practices, families, and communities into public safety 13 and other appropriate state government programming; and 14 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief Executive Officer of 16 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chief Executive Officer's 17 designee, is requested to invite the following persons who, in 18 19 turn, are requested to participate with the Chief Executive Officer or Chief Executive Officer's designee in the convening 20 of stakeholders: 21 22 The Director of Public Safety, or the Director's 23 (1)designee; 24 25 The Director of Human Services, or the Director's (2) 26 27 designee; 28 29 (3) The Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii, or the Chief Justice's designee; 30 31 (4) Representatives from other state agencies that have 32 used or are interested in implementing hooponopono 33 34 programs; 35 The Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi, or the (5) 36 Executive Director's designee; 37 38 Traditional practitioners who have expertise in 39 (6) hooponopono and its use in public systems; 40 41



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(7) Representatives from community organizations who have expertise in culturally based values or correctional systems; and

(8) Representatives from any other entities the Office of Hawaiian Affairs deems necessary to invite; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs 9 is requested to develop models that support hooponopono as a 10 traditional Native Hawaiian system of well-being and improve 11 state prevention, intervention, or reintegration programs 12 targeting Native Hawaiians; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2018; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board of Trustees 22 and the Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian 23 Affairs; the Director of Public Safety; the Director of Human 24 Services; the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Hawaii; the 25 Governor; and the Executive Director of Papa Ola Lokahi.

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