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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO ADOPT  
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES REGARDING THE KULEANA HOMESTEAD  
PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, economic constraints and a lack of political  
2 consensus have created an unacceptable delay in the distribution  
3 of the proceeds and income from Hawaiian Home Lands as required  
4 by article XII, section 1, of the State Constitution; and  
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6           WHEREAS, many native Hawaiians are at risk of becoming or  
7 are already homeless because of the lack of affordable housing  
8 in the State; and  
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10           WHEREAS, under the kuleana homestead program established  
11 under section 10-3-30, Hawaii Administrative Rules, the Hawaiian  
12 Homes Commission may set aside a tract or tracts of unimproved  
13 available lands for award to native Hawaiians; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the kuleana homestead program is one of many tools  
16 available to help ease the homeless problem facing the native  
17 Hawaiian population; and  
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19           WHEREAS, section 10-3-30, Hawaii Administrative Rules,  
20 authorizes, rather than mandates, the establishment of the  
21 kuleana homestead program; now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2017, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested  
26 to adopt administrative rules that:  
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28           (1) Mandate the establishment of the kuleana homestead  
29 program;  
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31           (2) Require the Hawaiian Homes Commission to set aside a  
32 tract or tracts of unimproved available lands;



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- 1 (3) Guarantee each beneficiary on the waitlist a kuleana
- 2 homestead no later than two years after joining the
- 3 waitlist;
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- 5 (4) Guarantee each beneficiary who initially declines a
- 6 kuleana lease the option to remain on the waitlist,
- 7 and upon later application, only be subject to a one
- 8 year waiting period thereafter; and
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- 10 (5) Allow a beneficiary-lessee of an unimproved kuleana
- 11 leasehold to erect subsistence structures without the
- 12 approval of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 15 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
 16 Homes Commission.

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