HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTIETH LEGISLATURE, 2019 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 137

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PROBATE COURT TO INCREASE TRANSPARENCY REGARDING THE KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TRUSTEE SELECTION PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools was established by the will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop to create educational 2 opportunities in perpetuity to improve the capability and well-3 being of people of Hawaiian ancestry; and 4 5 6 WHEREAS, in accordance with the will of Bernice Pauahi 7 Bishop, the governance of Kamehameha Schools rests with a Board of Trustees who provide the strategic direction and focus 8 9 necessary to fulfill and sustain the vision, mission, and values 10 of Kamehameha Schools; and 11 12 WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees is comprised of five individuals who are equally vested with the responsibility and 13 duty of collectively carrying out the testamentary will of 14 Bernice Pauahi Bishop; and 15 16 WHEREAS, the sole purpose of the Board of Trustees is to 17 18 set policy, while the day-to-day management of the institution 19 rests with a board-appointed Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Executive Officer's chosen managerial staff; and 20 21 WHEREAS, the probate court is responsible for the trustee 22 23 selection process and chooses the members of the Trustee 24 Screening Committee; and 25 WHEREAS, the probate court has not been fully transparent 26 27 on the qualifications of and the method by which the members of the Trustee Screening Committee are chosen; and 28 29 WHEREAS, according to the January 6, 2000, court order 30 establishing the trustee selection process, the Trustee 31 32 Screening Committee members shall be familiar with and sensitive 33 to:

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2 3 4	(1)	The history and role of the Trust Estate relative to the Hawaiian community and the community at large; and
5 6	(2)	Pauahi's legacy and her vision for the education and advancement of Hawaiian children;
7 8 9	now, therefore,	
10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the probate court is requested to recognize that Kamehameha Schools stakeholders, who include the greater native Hawaiian community; all the beneficiaries of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Estate; Kamehameha Schools alumni, faculty, and staff; and parents of current beneficiaries of Kamehameha's educational services, should be afforded a greater	
18 19 20 21		ecisions affecting the Trust Estate; and T FURTHER RESOLVED that the probate court is requested
22 23 24 25	(1)	Fully observe the terms of the January 6, 2000, court order, especially as it relates to the composition of the Trustee Screening Committee;
26 27 28	(2)	Appoint future Trustee Screening Committees that are comprised of Kamehameha Schools stakeholders; and
29 30 31 32 33	(3)	Be transparent on the qualifications of and the method by which the members of the Trustee Screening Committee are chosen; and
34 35 36 37	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court, Chief Administrator of the Courts, and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools.	
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