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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
IMPROVEMENT WORKING GROUP.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and its residents are facing a  
2 housing crisis; and

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4           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920, was  
5 enacted in 1921; and

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7           WHEREAS, the intent of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act  
8 was to enable native Hawaiians to return to their lands and  
9 become self-sufficient by granting them leases for Hawaiian home  
10 lands; and

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12           WHEREAS, since 1921, only nine thousand eight hundred  
13 Hawaiian home land leases have been issued for qualifying native  
14 Hawaiians; and

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16           WHEREAS, native Hawaiians are the largest homeless  
17 demographic in the State and suffer from a myriad of health  
18 problems; and

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20           WHEREAS, there is a collective desire among policymakers,  
21 beneficiaries, and applicants on the Hawaiian home lands  
22 waitlist to reform the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and  
23 fulfill the wishes of Prince Jonah Kuhio Kalaniana'ole; and

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25           WHEREAS, interested parties need to come together and find  
26 solutions to help native Hawaiians obtain leases on Hawaiian  
27 home lands; now, therefore,

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29           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
30 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
31 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Governor, or the



1 Governor's designee, is requested to convene and serve as the  
2 Chair of a Hawaiian Home Lands Improvement Working Group; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officials, or  
5 their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of  
6 the working group:

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8 (1) Two members, including the Chairperson, of the  
9 Hawaiian Homes Commission;

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11 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office  
12 of Hawaiian Affairs;

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14 (3) The President of the Senate;

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16 (4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;

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18 (5) The President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic  
19 Clubs;

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21 (6) The Chairperson of the Sovereign Councils of the  
22 Hawaiian Homelands Assembly; and

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24 (7) The Chairperson of the Broken Promises Working Group;  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands  
28 Improvement Working Group is requested to:

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30 (1) Consider and make recommendations on improving the  
31 efficiency and output of the Department of Hawaiian  
32 Home Lands; and

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34 (2) Develop a plan to significantly reduce the length of  
35 time that qualified applicants for Hawaiian home lands  
36 leases wait until they become lessees; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands  
39 Improvement Working Group is requested to make all of its  
40 meetings open to the general public; and

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# H.C.R. NO. 230

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands  
 2 Improvement Working Group is requested to submit to the  
 3 Legislature its findings and recommendations, including any  
 4 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the  
 5 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands  
 8 Improvement Working Group shall cease to exist after June 30,  
 9 2020; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
 13 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the  
 14 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, President  
 15 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
 16 Chairperson of the Sovereign Councils of the Hawaiian Homelands  
 17 Assembly, President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs,  
 18 and Chairperson of the Broken Promises Working Group.

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