
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PERFORM AN ACTUARIAL STUDY ON THE SIZE OF THE CURRENT AND PROJECTED FUTURE POPULATIONS OF HAWAIIANS ELIGIBLE TO LEASE HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, in light of slowing housing production and
2 Hawaii's high cost of living, adequate housing remains a
3 persistent challenge for the Hawaiian community; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act authorizes the
6 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to lease tracts of Hawaiian
7 home lands to eligible native Hawaiians who are descendants of
8 not less than one-half part of the blood of the races inhabiting
9 the Hawaiian Islands previous to 1778; and
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11 WHEREAS, approximately twenty-seven thousand eligible
12 Hawaiians are on the waitlist to lease Hawaiian home lands; and
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14 WHEREAS, in order to best serve individuals who are
15 eligible to enter into leases for Hawaiian home lands, it is
16 vital for the State and the federal government to have an
17 accurate calculation of the number of eligible Hawaiians living
18 today and a scientifically plausible estimate of the size of the
19 eligible Hawaiian population of future generations; and
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21 WHEREAS, because many individuals of native Hawaiian
22 ancestry have chosen to enter into interracial marriages and
23 relationships that produce interracial offspring, estimating the
24 size of the population of eligible Hawaiians can be particularly
25 challenging; and
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27 WHEREAS, the last published calculation of the size of the
28 eligible Hawaiian population appeared in a 1995 SMS Research
29 report, submitted to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,
30 which estimated that the approximate worldwide number of
31 eligible Hawaiians alive at the time was 68,248; and



