
HOUSE 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 Kūhīo Kalanianaʻole; 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, that the Governor, or the Governor's designee, is
32 requested to convene and serve as the Chair of a Hawaiian Home
33 Lands Improvement Working Group; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following officials, or
2 their respective designees, are requested to serve as members of
3 the working group:

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- 5 (1) Two members, including the Chairperson, of the
6 Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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 - 8 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office
9 of Hawaiian Affairs;
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 - 11 (3) The President of the Senate;
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 - 13 (4) The Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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 - 15 (5) The President of the Association of Hawaiian Civic
16 Clubs;
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 - 18 (6) The Chairperson of the Sovereign Councils of the
19 Hawaiian Homelands Assembly; and
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 - 21 (7) The Chairperson of the Broken Promises Working Group;
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands
25 Improvement Working Group is requested to:

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- 27 (1) Consider and make recommendations on improving the
28 efficiency and output of the Department of Hawaiian
29 Home Lands; and
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 - 31 (2) Develop a plan to significantly reduce the length of
32 time that qualified applicants for Hawaiian home lands
33 leases wait until they become lessees; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands
36 Improvement Working Group is requested to make all of its
37 meetings open to the general public; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands
40 Improvement Working Group is requested to submit to the
41 Legislature its findings and recommendations, including any



1 proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the
2 convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Home Lands
5 Improvement Working Group shall cease to exist after June 30,
6 2020; and

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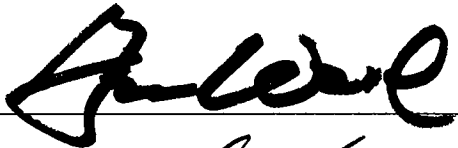
8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
10 Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
11 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, President of the Senate,
12 Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson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

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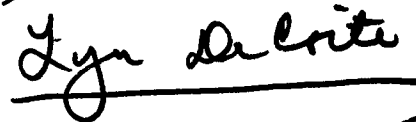
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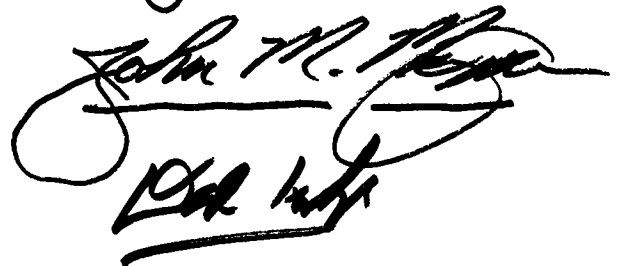
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