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February 27, 2020

The Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi
Senate President, State of Hawai'i
415 South Beretania Street Room 409
Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Senator Kouchi:

Enclosed please find, Resolution 487-20 (Draft 2), adopted by the Hawai'i County Council during its meeting of February 19, 2020.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jon Henricks".

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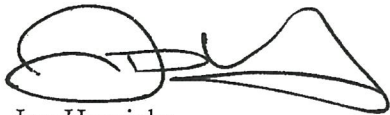
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The Honorable Scott K. Saiki
Speaker, House of Representatives
415 South Beretania Street Room 431
Honolulu HI 96813

Dear Representative Saiki:

Enclosed please find, Resolution 487-20 (Draft 2), adopted by the Hawai'i County Council during its meeting of February 19, 2020.

Sincerely,



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STATE OF HAWAI'I

RESOLUTION NO. 487 20
(DRAFT 2)

A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING SENATE BILL NO. 2826, AS AMENDED, OR OTHER LEGISLATION WITH THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING ADEQUATE FORECLOSURE PROTECTION FOR BENEFICIARIES OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT OF 1920.

WHEREAS, Section 4 of United States Public Law No. 86-3, An Act to Provide for the Admission of the State of Hawai'i into the Union, includes the condition that the Hawaiian home-loan fund, the Hawaiian home-operating fund, and the Hawaiian home-development fund of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 (HHCA) "shall not be reduced or impaired by any (State) amendment ... except with the consent of the United States"; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) is the lead state agency designated to fulfill the compact enumerated in the Admission Act; and

WHEREAS, trust lands as defined under the HHCA are located within each County in the State; and

WHEREAS, DHHL operates a loan fund and loan servicing program for home loans on these trust lands, which are required to comply with the HHCA to prohibit non-beneficiaries such as banks from taking ownership of beneficiary homes in a foreclosure action and instead should allow for such foreclosures to result in the asset being serviced and held by DHHL; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature can approve legislation requiring that the same level of protections and procedures mandated in Chapter 667 of Hawai'i Revised Statutes, relating to foreclosures, be made available to HHCA beneficiaries; and

WHEREAS, the only protection and review of a foreclosure action taken by DHHL on behalf of its direct loan program or on behalf of banks, is through Hawai'i Revised Statutes Chapter 91, the administrative review process followed by State commissions and agencies; and

WHEREAS, DHHL loan policies and procedures do not provide parity for native Hawaiian families to access common loan loss mitigations available for all other citizens of Hawai'i, including opportunities to apply for a permanent loan modification, a loan assumption, or reasonable opportunities to sell a home prior to foreclosure; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill No. 2826, introduced in the 2020 session of the Hawai'i State Legislature and amended to Senate Draft 1, requires DHHL to develop and implement a loan servicing manual; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I that it supports the passage of Senate Bill No. 2826, as amended, or any other similar legislation that

establishes regulations, resources, and opportunities for beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act to prevent home loan default, such as a written loan servicing manual that includes ensuring federal protections of native Hawaiian active military service members, opportunities to apply for loan loss mitigations such as a permanent loan modification, a loan assumption, and other industry standard loan default cures.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Senate Bill No. 2826 supports native Hawaiian beneficiaries as full and equal citizens who are on par with all other County citizens.


BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable David Y. Ige, Governor; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President of the Senate; the Honorable Maile S.L. Shimabukuro, Chair of the Senate Committee on Hawaiian Affairs; the Honorable Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Chair of the Senate Committee on Ways and Means; the Honorable Karl Rhoads, Chair of the Senate Committee on Judiciary; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House of Representatives; the Honorable Ryan I. Yamane, Chair of the House Committee on Water, Land, and Hawaiian Affairs; the Honorable Chris Lee, Chair of the House Committee on Judiciary; the Honorable Sylvia Luke, Chair of the House Committee on Finance; and the Hawai'i Island legislative delegation.

Dated at Kona , Hawai'i, this 19th day of February, 2020.

INTRODUCED BY:



 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



 COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL
 County of Hawai'i
 Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on February 19, 2020.

ATTEST:

 COUNTY CLERK
 CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

| | AYES | NOES | ABS | EX |
|-----------------------|------|------|-----|----|
| CHUNG | X | | | |
| DAVID | X | | | |
| EOFF | | | X | |
| KANEALI'I-KLEINFELDER | X | | | |
| KIERKIEWICZ | X | | | |
| LEE LOY | X | | | |
| POINDEXTER | X | | | |
| RICHARDS | X | | | |
| VILLEGAS | X | | | |
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Reference: C-740.2/Waived GREDC
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