
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO PROVIDE AN ADDRESS ON THE STATE OF
THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has a constitutional and
2 fiduciary responsibility to nurture, uplift and house native
3 Hawaiians; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920 requires
6 the legislature to make sufficient sums available for: (1) the
7 development of home, agriculture, farm and ranch lots; (2) home,
8 agriculture, aquaculture, farm and ranch loans; and (3)
9 rehabilitation projects including, but not limited to,
10 educational, economic, political, social and cultural processes
11 by which the general welfare and conditions of native Hawaiians
12 are thereby improved; and
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14 WHEREAS, one hundred years after the Hawaiian Homes
15 Commission Act there are over 28,000 eligible native Hawaiians
16 waiting to receive land; and
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18 WHEREAS, the cost of living in the state of Hawai'i is
19 among the highest in the United States; and
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21 WHEREAS, native Hawaiian families living in Hawai'i have
22 the lowest median family income of all major ethnic groups in
23 the state; and
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25 WHEREAS, among all major ethnic groups in Hawai'i, native
26 Hawaiians in the public-school system have the lowest graduation
27 rate, score disproportionately lower than non-Hawaiians on
28 standardized tests, and test results continue to show a lack of
29 proficiency in both Mathematics and English Language
30 Arts/Literacy; and
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1 WHEREAS, native Hawaiians have the shortest life expectancy
2 and exhibit higher mortality rates than the total population due
3 to heart disease, cancer, stroke, and diabetes; and
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5 WHEREAS, almost 30 percent of the homeless population is
6 comprised of native Hawaiians; and
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8 WHEREAS, native Hawaiians have the highest poverty rates
9 for individuals and families, with 12.6 percent of families and
10 45,420 individuals (15.5 percent of the population) living below
11 the poverty level; and
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13 WHEREAS, only 38.6 percent of registered voters turned out
14 to vote, with native Hawaiians being the least represented
15 demographic in that percentage; and
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17 WHEREAS, over 40 percent of people incarcerated under
18 Hawai'i jurisdiction in 2018 were reported as being native
19 Hawaiian; and
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21 WHEREAS, these critical indicators suggest that the needs
22 of the native Hawaiian community have not been met; and
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24 WHEREAS, due to the severe lack of prosperity within the
25 native Hawaiian community and the high cost of living,
26 especially regarding housing prices, native Hawaiians are
27 migrating to the mainland at a pace faster than other ethnic
28 groups residing in the Hawaiian Islands; and
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30 WHEREAS, If the native Hawaiian community continues to
31 migrate to the mainland in search of prosperity at the current
32 pace, Hawaii's cultural identity could be lost; now, therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
36 2020, the Senate concurring, requests that the Governor give an
37 "Annual Report on the State of the Native Hawaiian People"; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Annual Report on the State
40 of the Native Hawaiian People" be given following the State of
41 the State and State of the Judiciary addresses; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Annual Report on the State
 2 of the Native Hawaiian People shall include, but not be limited
 3 to statistics and reports regarding average income, health,
 4 education, homelessness, voter participation, incarceration
 5 levels, home ownership, the number of native Hawaiians who have
 6 received land through the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, the
 7 number of native Hawaiians still waiting for land; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 11 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the
 12 Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Chair of
 13 the Senate Standing Committee on Hawaiian Affairs; Chair of the
 14 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Water, Land, and
 15 Hawaiian Affairs, Chief Executive Officer of the Council for
 16 Native Hawaiian Advancement.

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