
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON RECONCILIATION COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, THE STATE OF HAWAII, AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1 WHEREAS, before January 17, 1893, the United States of
2 America had a political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic
3 relationship with the Kingdom of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, on January 17, 1893, this relationship was
6 shattered by the actions of agents and citizens of the United
7 States of America; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii recognized the consequences of
10 these actions and therefore significantly amended the Hawaii
11 State Constitution in 1978, and the Legislature also enacted
12 unprecedented legislation to address these consequences; and
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14 WHEREAS, in 1993, the 103rd Congress enacted Public Law
15 103-150 to, in part, apologize officially for both the overthrow
16 of the Kingdom of Hawaii and the concomitant deprivation of the
17 rights of Native Hawaiians to self-determination; and
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19 WHEREAS, after this apology, efforts to effectuate the
20 apology and to establish a new relationship of respect and trust
21 with the Native Hawaiian people have met with varying levels of
22 success; and
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24 WHEREAS, there remains a pressing need to establish a new
25 relationship based on reconciliation and trust between the
26 Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United
27 States of America; and



1 WHEREAS, establishing and engaging in a process for
2 reconciliation will provide a strong foundation for this
3 relationship; and

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5 WHEREAS, establishing and engaging in a participatory and
6 meaningful process for reconciliation will ensure that issues of
7 importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii,
8 and the United States of America are addressed; and

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10 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation that focuses on a
11 shared commitment to a positive future for all the people of
12 Hawaii will enable the people of Hawaii to move respectfully
13 into the future; and

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15 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation will provide a
16 participatory and meaningful process of engagement to address
17 the current discord related to Mauna Kea, including issues
18 related to land use and stewardship, the environment, economy,
19 culture, and science; now, therefore,

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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
23 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested to
24 convene a Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to:

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26 (1) Examine and establish a reconciliation process
27 relating to past, present, and future issues of
28 importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of
29 Hawaii, and the United States of America; and

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31 (2) Identify processes and reconciliation proposals
32 related to land use and stewardship, the environment,
33 economy, culture, and science; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests the
36 Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission to make recommendations
37 that:



1 (1) Identify processes that can be documented and
2 replicated; and

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4 (2) Propose reconciliation measures that can be
5 implemented; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
8 appoint one or more individuals to coordinate the efforts of the
9 Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
12 invite interested and experienced individuals to serve as
13 members of the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Blue Ribbon
16 Reconciliation Commission serve without compensation from the
17 State, but will be reimbursed for necessary expenses, including
18 travel expenses, incurred in the performance of their duties;
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as its first task, the Blue
22 Ribbon Reconciliation Commission is requested to examine and
23 establish a reconciliation process related to Mauna Kea; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation
26 Commission is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of
27 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
28 legislation, related to Mauna Kea; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation
31 Commission is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of
32 its findings and recommendations, including any proposed
33 legislation, regarding identifiable processes and reconciliation
34 proposals related to land use and stewardship, the environment,
35 economy, culture, and science; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
39 State of Hawaii, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
40 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
41 Affairs, President of the University of Hawaii, Hawaii's
42 Congressional delegation, Kamehameha Schools, The Queen Emma



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2 Lunalilo Trust Estate.

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