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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND UNIVERSITY OF HAWAI'I COMMUNITY COLLEGES TO COLLABORATE ON BUILDING NEW HOMES ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS USING PRISONERS TO CONSTRUCT THE HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Public Safety reported that
2 Native Hawaiians are severely overrepresented in the State's
3 prison population, comprising thirty-nine percent in prisons
4 throughout the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians have a much higher recidivism
7 rate than non-Hawaiian inmates; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Business Magazine reported that there
10 are currently 28,500 Native Hawaiian beneficiaries on the
11 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' waitlist; and

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13 WHEREAS, when a home is built for a Native Hawaiian on
14 Hawaiian homelands, it addresses the State's lack of affordable
15 housing; and

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17 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i Community College system
18 provides construction training on every island in the State; and

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20 WHEREAS, the University of Hawai'i Community Colleges should
21 collaborate with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the
22 Department of Public Safety, to construct a house on the
23 homelands using the prisoners to provide the labor; now,
24 therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
27 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
28 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Public
29 Safety, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, and University of
30 Hawai'i Community Colleges collaborate on building new homes on
31 Hawaiian homelands using prisoners to construct the homes; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Public Safety
 3 collaborate with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and
 4 University of Hawai'i Community Colleges to provide training for
 5 inmates and allocate the necessary resources to have the inmates
 6 trained and paid for their labor services; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
 9 Lands collaborate with the Department of Public Safety and
 10 University of Hawai'i Community Colleges to construct homes on
 11 Hawaiian homelands statewide using inmates, and that the
 12 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands provide the necessary funds
 13 and financing to construct these homes; and

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 15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawai'i
 16 Community Colleges collaborate with the Department of Public
 17 Safety and the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to create a
 18 training program that will facilitate construction of homes
 19 using prisoner labor; and

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 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 23 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Director of Public
 24 Safety, President of the University of Hawaii System.

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