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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR AND NEED HOUSING IN EACH COUNTY, BY INCOME CLASSIFICATION AND UNIT TYPE.

1           WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Hawaiian  
2 Homes Commission Act in 1921, which was authored by Prince Kuhio  
3 Kalaniana'ole, and which dedicated 203,000 acres of land in  
4 Hawaii to benefit native Hawaiians; and

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6           WHEREAS, the purpose of the Act was, and is, to restore the  
7 cultural link between native Hawaiians and the land and to  
8 provide native Hawaiians the stability, financial equity, and  
9 economic self-sufficiency that comes from land and home  
10 ownership; and

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12           WHEREAS, since the Act was signed into law almost one  
13 hundred years ago, fewer than one hundred thousand homesteads  
14 have been resettled and nearly twenty-eight thousand  
15 beneficiaries remain on the waitlist; and

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17           WHEREAS, for the future of native Hawaiians and their  
18 wellbeing, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is mandated to  
19 fulfill its purpose by providing housing for native Hawaiian  
20 beneficiaries; and

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22           WHEREAS, in 2019 a study was conducted for the Hawaii  
23 Housing Development Corporation of the housing need of Hawaii  
24 residents by area median income (income classification),  
25 preference for ownership or rental of housing (preferred  
26 tenancy), and single- or multi-family unit (unit type) per  
27 county (the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study); and

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29           WHEREAS, the study was conducted based on the housing need  
30 of Hawaii residents, in general, and did not specifically  
31 include the housing need of Hawaiian homes beneficiaries; now,  
32 therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
 2 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the  
 3 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to conduct an  
 4 analysis and provide data on the number of Department of  
 5 Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries who have applied for and need  
 6 housing in each county, by income classification and unit type;  
 7 and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data also include the  
 10 number of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries who  
 11 are not included in the data because they could not be contacted  
 12 or have never applied for a housing lease; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data requested in this  
 15 measure be submitted to the Legislature in a form consistent  
 16 with Table 33 of the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study no later  
 17 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
 18 of 2021; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
 22 Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the  
 23 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Executive Director of the Hawaii  
 24 Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

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