

MAR 11 2022

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTS THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON
THE CREATION OF A MARSHALLESE COMMUNITY CENTER IN HAWAIIAN
OCEAN VIEW ESTATES.

1 WHEREAS, the Marshall Islands is a nation comprised of low-
2 lying coral atolls and islands with an average elevation of two
3 meters above sea level; and
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5 WHEREAS, the effects of climate change such as rising sea
6 levels, extreme flooding, and drought have impacted agriculture,
7 infrastructure, and daily life in the Marshall Islands; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Marshallese diaspora impacts over seven
10 thousand migrants residing in Hawai'i, of which fourteen hundred
11 migrants reside in Hawaiian Ocean View Estates on Hawai'i island;
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14 WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic has
15 exacerbated the public health crisis and other social
16 determinant of health opportunities for Pacific Islanders across
17 the State, including populations in rural areas where there are
18 limited and inequitable access to water, water waste,
19 electricity, and health care; and
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21 WHEREAS, to create a safe, inclusive, and social
22 environment for the Marshallese community in Hawaiian Ocean View
23 Estates, a community center can aid community solidarity through
24 group activities, public information and assistance, social
25 support, and perpetuation of culture; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
29 that the County of Hawai'i, in collaboration with Marshallese
30 leaders of the community, is requested to conduct a feasibility
31 study on the creation of a Marshallese Community Center in
32 Hawaiian Ocean View Estates; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County of Hawai'i is
2 requested to submit a report of its findings and
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2023; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the County of Hawai'i
9 and members of the Hawai'i County Council.

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12 OFFERED BY:

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