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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND LAND USE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CHANGES IN LAND USE OR BOUNDARY CHANGES.

1 WHEREAS, the public would benefit from more transparency in  
2 the State's construction permitting process; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in some cases, neighborhoods and communities have  
5 not been adequately informed about a project's impacts on health  
6 and safety, cultural practices, wildlife, the ecosystem, or the  
7 environment; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the protests that occurred in response to the  
10 Kahuku windmill project, Thirty Meter Telescope, and other  
11 construction projects demonstrated the consequences of foregoing  
12 community involvement; and  
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14 WHEREAS, an enhanced notice process, including public  
15 meetings, would give affected communities the opportunity to  
16 become informed and provide input; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
20 that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Land  
21 and Natural Resources, University of Hawaii, and Land Use  
22 Commission are requested to provide enhanced public notice for  
23 changes in land use or boundary changes; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the enhanced public notice is  
26 requested to:  
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28 (1) Be provided within thirty days of the filing of a  
29 permit application;

30 (2) Include at least three public meetings or hearings;  
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1 (3) Be provided through newspaper publication, by mail to  
2 affected residents, and on the department or agency's  
3 website; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Hawaiian Home  
7 Lands, Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,  
8 President of the University of Hawaii, and Chair of the Land Use  
9 Commission.

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