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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE COUNCIL OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEAD ASSOCIATIONS TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO RESEARCH NATIVE GOVERNMENTS TO IDENTIFY NATIVE JUSTICE SYSTEMS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS ON A JUSTICE SYSTEM APPROPRIATE FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

WHEREAS, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations (State Council), has been in existence for eighteen years; and

WHEREAS, the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations has accomplished historical achievements for all native Hawaiians in the following areas:

- (1) Extending leases to one hundred additional years;
- (2) Lowering of the blood quantum requirement to qualify for benefits to twenty-five per cent for the next generation; and
- (3) Assisting in the passing of Act 302 into law; and many other areas of native rights; and

WHEREAS, the State Council is recognized as the State of Hawaii's largest native Hawaiian organization, which includes twenty-five homestead association boards that represent approximately thirty thousand persons on Hawaiian homestead land; and

WHEREAS, the State Council has begun to specialize in management of its lands; carries more of its responsibilities within the governance of its community settings; and structures economic development opportunities; and

WHEREAS, native governments have the inalienable right to develop customary laws and governance systems for its people; and

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WHEREAS, such a justice system is managed by native courts to settle disputes among its native people; and

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WHEREAS, native justice systems are designed to be culturally appropriate to its people, while at the same time conforming to the laws, rules, and regulations of state, county, and federal governments; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the House of Representatives concurring, that the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is requested to appoint a committee to research native governments to identify native justice systems and make recommendations on systems appropriate for Hawaiian home lands; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature, the Chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations, who, in turn, is requested to submit the report to its membership, not less than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Council of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Associations is requested to seek out resources to fund the activities of the committee; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee is requested to disband one year after its establishment; and

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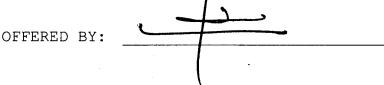
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the State Council of Hawaiian Homestead Association, the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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