
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO EXPLORE
OPPORTUNITIES TO REVISE ITS PRESENT POLICIES ON MATTERS OF
SUCCESSORSHIP.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
2 amended, permits the succession of lessee rights to certain
3 relatives of a deceased lessee as long as the qualified relative
4 is at least one-quarter Hawaiian; and

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6 WHEREAS, the present successorship, a minimum of twenty-
7 five per cent blood quantum, is insufficient to assure the
8 transfer of lessee rights to successors who are of less than
9 twenty-five percent Hawaiian blood; and

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11 WHEREAS, a significant number of intermarriages occur
12 between qualified lessees and non-qualified spouses; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian population's blood quantum reduces
15 with every passing generation, and, in some families, three or
16 four times in one lessee's lifetime; and

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18 WHEREAS, now is the time to reduce the required blood
19 quantum for successors presently awaiting transfer; and

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21 WHEREAS, to preserve the transfer of lands subject to the
22 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, the
23 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands should make changes to the
24 current procedures for lessee successorship; now, therefore,

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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2010, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested
29 to explore opportunities to revise its present policies and
30 procedures by, for example, lowering the blood quantum
31 requirement to 12.5 percent for eligible successors; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the
3 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Chairperson of
4 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and members of Hawaii's
5 Congressional delegation.

