HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO REVISE THEIR CRITERIA AND REQUIREMENTS FOR AWARDING COMMERCIAL LEASES TO CONFORM WITH THE RULING IN LEIMOMI MO'OKINI LUM V. HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION.

1 WHEREAS, in Leimomi Mo'okini Lum v. Hawaiian Homes 2 Commission, the appellant challenged the Commission's evaluation 3 of ranch plans submitted by native Hawaiians on the waiting list 4 for pastoral homesteads, to determine whether they were entitled 5 to obtain additional acreage at Honokaia on which to 6 commercially ranch; and

8 WHEREAS, Hawaii Administrative Rules section 10-3-24 9 establishes two criteria for the award of a pastoral homestead 10 lot, the feasibility of the ranch plan and the knowledge and 11 experience of the applicant; and

13 WHEREAS, the court in Lum held that, in assessing the 14 appellant's application for additional acreage, the Hawaiian 15 Homes Commission failed to follow Hawaii Administrative Rules 16 section 10-3-24; and

18 WHEREAS, the court in Lum held that the Hawaiian Homes 19 Commission wrongfully failed to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 20 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, by which to conduct its evaluation 21 process; and

23 WHEREAS, the court in *Lum* found that, without adherence to 24 the rulemaking process of chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, 25 future applicants will have no official guidance regarding the 26 evaluation of ranch plans; now, therefore,

28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the29 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



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of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the Hawaiian Homes Commission are requested to adopt rules pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to formalize their criteria and requirements for awarding commercial leases in compliance with the ruling in Leimomi Mo'okini Lum v. Hawaiian Homes Commission; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
10 Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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