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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO PROVIDE THE DELEGATES AND OFFICERS OF THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN CONVENTION WITH THE FINANCIAL AND OTHER SUPPORT NEEDED TO COMPLETE THEIR WORK.

WHEREAS, the legislature agreed to fund one-half of the cost of what would eventually be called the native Hawaiian vote in 1996; and

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1996, more than eighty thousand ballots were sent throughout the world, asking whether the native Hawaiian people should elect delegates to propose a native Hawaiian government; and

WHEREAS, of the more than thirty thousand votes counted, seventy-three per cent answered in the affirmative; and

WHEREAS, based on the native Hawaiian vote, the Aha Hawai'i O'iwi, or Native Hawaiian Convention, was formed; and

WHEREAS, the Aha Hawai'i O'iwi is charged with proposing a native Hawaiian government to its constituents; and

WHEREAS, if ratified, the result of the proposal will form the basis for discussion and negotiations with the governments of the State of Hawaii and the United States, for native Hawaiian self-governance; and

WHEREAS, the work of the Native Hawaiian Convention has not yet been completed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the House of Representatives concurring, that the State is requested to provide the delegates and officers of the Native Hawaiian Convention with the financial and other support needed to complete their work; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Native Hawaiian Convention.

OFFERED BY:

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