HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands administers certain state lands, known as Hawaiian Home Lands, for homesteads; and

WHEREAS, these homesteads are designed to allow native Hawaiians to return to their lands and to promote self-sufficiency, self-determination, and preservation of the values, culture, and tradition of native Hawaiians; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands leases homesteads to native Hawaiians who are at least fifty per cent Hawaiian by blood; and

WHEREAS, homestead leases may extend up to one hundred ninety-nine years, with each lessee paying a lease fee of \$1 per year; and

WHEREAS, in addition to administering homestead leases, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands carries out other duties, such as the development of Hawaiian Home Lands for income-producing purposes or for homestead use through the provision of grants and technical assistance to beneficiary organizations; and

WHEREAS, a comprehensive financial and management audit would be useful in providing insight into the operation of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands as a whole; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a comprehensive financial and management audit of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that the audit include, but not be limited to, an assessment of grants provided and contracts entered into and administered by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of the Auditor's findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

OFFERED BY:

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