
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS RECONVENE AND
REPURPOSE THE HUI IMI ADVISORY COUNCIL.

1 WHEREAS, according to the 2017 Hawaii Small Business
2 Profile issued by the United States Small Business
3 Administration Office of Advocacy, small businesses play an
4 important role in Hawaii's economy, creating almost seven
5 thousand net new jobs in 2014 and employing about fifty-two
6 percent of Hawaii's private work force; and
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8 WHEREAS, the desire for self-reliance; self-determination;
9 a healthy environment; and an increased social, physical, and
10 economic well-being for individuals and families in Hawaii
11 requires the creation of new jobs, most of which, according to
12 recent research, will be provided by the small business
13 community; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaiian-owned small businesses are
16 underrepresented in both Hawaii and the United States; and
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18 WHEREAS, according to the United States Census Bureau's
19 2012 survey of business owners, Hawaiian-owned businesses
20 accounted for only .09 percent of all businesses in the United
21 States, with more than half of these businesses located in
22 Hawaii; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to the 2012 survey, Hawaiian-owned
25 businesses accounted for only eleven percent of total businesses
26 in Hawaii; and
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28 WHEREAS, Act 376, Session Laws of Hawaii 1997, reauthorized
29 the Hui Imi Task Force as the Hui Imi Advisory Council to, among
30 other things, examine and report to the Governor and Legislature



1 on numerous issues facing the Hawaiian community and provide
2 potential recommendations; and
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4 WHEREAS, in the Hui Imi Advisory Council's 2002 report, the
5 Council recommended in pertinent part that the "State should
6 continue to support the creating and expansion of Hawaiian small
7 businesses"; and
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9 WHEREAS, it is important to both the State and the Hawaiian
10 community to continue support for the expansion of the Hawaiian
11 small business community; and
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13 WHEREAS, the Hui Imi Advisory Council is no longer active;
14 now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
19 Affairs is requested to reconvene and repurpose the Hui Imi
20 Advisory Council to conduct a study on the current state of
21 Hawaiian small businesses in Hawaii; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the
24 Hui Imi Advisory Council is requested to consult with the
25 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and
26 its attached agencies; the Small Business Regulatory Review
27 Board; the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; the Minority
28 Business Development Agency Business Center Honolulu; the Patsy
29 T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership; SCORE Hawaii; the
30 Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the
31 Hawaii United States Export Assistance Center; the Pacific Asian
32 Center for Entrepreneurship; and other interested parties
33 representing Hawaiian small business; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
36 is requested to provide administrative support to the Hui Imi
37 Advisory Council; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its study, the Hui
40 Imi Advisory Council is requested to consider, but not be
41 limited to, the following:
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- (1) The use of Hawaiian small business incubators and accelerators to encourage the development of new businesses and foster economic development by diversifying the local economic base, enhancing Hawaii's image as a center of innovation and entrepreneurship, increasing employment opportunities for local residents, and encouraging greater use of public-private partnerships;
- (2) The use of one-stop permitting and financial assistance centers to help Hawaiian small business owners and prospective entrepreneurs comply with the various licenses and permits necessary to operate a business and provide referrals to businesses needing information on eligibility for public financial assistance programs;
- (3) The use of Hawaiian small business incentive programs and Hawaiian small business development centers to stimulate growth; provide marketing, accounting, and economic analysis services to Hawaiian-owned small businesses that would otherwise not be able to afford assistance in these areas; more efficiently link existing business assistance organizations; and create new types of services where those services are needed;
- (4) Entrepreneurship education at the post-secondary levels, utilizing the expertise of the private sector to develop appropriate curriculum;
- (5) Identification of the federal and state government policies that specifically relate to Hawaiian small businesses, including permit procedures and fees, payroll costs, and tax and labor issues; and
- (6) The use of grants awarded pursuant to section 10-17, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to benefit the Hawaiian small business community; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hui Imi Advisory Council is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations



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1 to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the
2 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
6 Hawaii United States Export Assistance Center; the Chairperson
7 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees; Chief
8 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the
9 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the
10 Superintendent of Education; the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
11 Homes Commission; the Director of Health; the Director of Human
12 Services; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
13 Resources; the President of the University of Hawaii; the
14 Chairperson of the House of Representatives Standing Committee
15 with primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian affairs; the Chairperson
16 of the Senate Standing Committee with primary jurisdiction over
17 Hawaiian affairs; the Chairperson of the Small Business
18 Regulatory Review Board; the Chairperson of the Executive
19 Committee of the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; the
20 Director of the Minority Business Development Agency Business
21 Center Honolulu; the Director of the Patsy T. Mink Center for
22 Business & Leadership; the District Director of SCORE Hawaii;
23 the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Chamber of
24 Commerce Hawaii; and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors
25 of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship.
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