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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP  
TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS ON APPROACHES TO SPECIFICALLY  
ADDRESS HAWAIIAN NATIONALITY AS A CATEGORY OF PROHIBITED  
DISCRIMINATION.

1 WHEREAS, current state laws prohibit discrimination against  
2 a person based solely on national origin, ancestry, race, color,  
3 religion, disability, sex, marital status, sexual orientation,  
4 or age; and  
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6 WHEREAS, discrimination is carried out against many  
7 indigenous people who are recognized as Native Hawaiians under  
8 Chapter 10H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and declare themselves to  
9 be members of the Hawaiian nation or "Hawaiian nationals"; and  
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11 WHEREAS, discrimination is carried out against many other  
12 people who, although they are not Native Hawaiian, reside in  
13 Hawaii and share the legal, historical, and philosophical  
14 foundation as Native Hawaiians, and who declare themselves to be  
15 members of the Hawaiian nation or "Hawaiian nationals"; and  
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17 WHEREAS, an individual's declaration of the individual's  
18 own nationality stems from one's sense of loyalty or allegiance,  
19 which comes from the soul and may be a consequence of one's  
20 education, sense of familiarity, attachment to principles, sense  
21 of honor and integrity, genealogy and history, acculturation to  
22 a place, sense of belonging to a community or society, and  
23 understanding of applicable laws of the land; and  
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25 WHEREAS, Hawaii's history and its current relationship with  
26 the United States of America (U.S.) is a history of U.S.  
27 aggression, collusion, regime change, cession, and controversial  
28 annexation as a territory before Hawaii became a U.S. state; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaiian nationality stems from the Hawaiian  
2 nation, which organized itself into a state in international  
3 affairs, evolved into a constitutional monarchy form of  
4 government, and gained international standing as a nation-state  
5 prior to U.S. aggression in 1893; and  
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian nation was an inclusive society  
8 welcoming people of all nations, colors, and religions as equal  
9 before the law; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Hawaiian nationals should not have any barriers to  
12 full participation in private and public affairs in Hawaii; and  
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14 WHEREAS, participation from Hawaiian nationals should  
15 include, to the maximum extent possible, addressing conflicts in  
16 the areas of education, employment, housing and public  
17 accommodations, lending, law enforcement and police conduct,  
18 voting rights, jury service, military service, health care,  
19 public safety, and licensing; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2018, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is urged to convene  
24 a working group to develop recommendations on approaches to  
25 specifically address Hawaiian nationality as a category of  
26 prohibited discrimination as a matter of State policy; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that areas of discrimination against  
29 Hawaiian nationals to be examined should include, without  
30 limitations, education, employment, housing and public  
31 accommodations, lending, law enforcement and police conduct,  
32 voting rights, jury service, military service, health care,  
33 public safety, and licensing; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that "Hawaiian nationals" should be  
36 defined as individuals who declare themselves to be such, and  
37 who meet any one or more of the following categories:  
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- 39 (1) All Native Hawaiians as defined by a direct lineal  
40 ancestry who resided in the Hawaiian Islands prior to  
41 the year 1778;



(2) Descendants of subjects or citizens of the Hawaiian Kingdom prior to July 4, 1894; or

(3) All persons born in Hawaii, and other individuals who have been a resident of Hawaii for a continuous period of five years immediately prior to declaring oneself a Hawaiian national; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group's membership consist of twenty-one members, to include:

(1) Ten individuals who are familiar with State functions;

(2) Ten individuals of declared Hawaiian nationalities; and

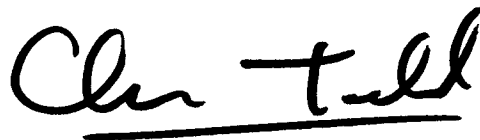
(3) One individual from the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session beginning in 2019, for three years thereafter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

OFFERED BY:





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