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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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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  
31 on numerous issues facing the Hawaiian community and provide  
32 potential recommendations; and  
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1 WHEREAS, in the Hui Imi Advisory Council's 2002 report, the  
2 Council recommended in pertinent part that the "State should  
3 continue to support the creating and expansion of Hawaiian small  
4 businesses"; and

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6 WHEREAS, it is important to both the State and the Hawaiian  
7 community to continue support for the expansion of the Hawaiian  
8 small business community; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Hui Imi Advisory Council is no longer active;  
11 now, therefore,

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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
14 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
15 of 2018, that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs is requested to  
16 reconvene and repurpose the Hui Imi Advisory Council to conduct  
17 a study on the current state of Hawaiian small businesses in  
18 Hawaii; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the  
21 Hui Imi Advisory Council is requested to consult with the  
22 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and  
23 its attached agencies; the Small Business Regulatory Review  
24 Board; the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; the Minority  
25 Business Development Agency Business Center Honolulu; the Patsy  
26 T. Mink Center for Business & Leadership; SCORE Hawaii; the  
27 Chamber of Commerce Hawaii; the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the  
28 Hawaii United States Export Assistance Center; the Pacific Asian  
29 Center for Entrepreneurship; and other interested parties  
30 representing Hawaiian small business; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs  
33 is requested to provide administrative support to the Hui Imi  
34 Advisory Council; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of its study, the Hui  
37 Imi Advisory Council is requested to consider, but not be  
38 limited to, the following:

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40 (1) The use of Hawaiian small business incubators and  
41 accelerators to encourage the development of new  
42 businesses and foster economic development by



1 diversifying the local economic base, enhancing  
2 Hawaii's image as a center of innovation and  
3 entrepreneurship, increasing employment opportunities  
4 for local residents, and encouraging greater use of  
5 public-private partnerships;  
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7 (2) The use of one-stop permitting and financial  
8 assistance centers to help Hawaiian small business  
9 owners and prospective entrepreneurs comply with the  
10 various licenses and permits necessary to operate a  
11 business and provide referrals to businesses needing  
12 information on eligibility for public financial  
13 assistance programs;  
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15 (3) The use of Hawaiian small business incentive programs  
16 and Hawaiian small business development centers to  
17 stimulate growth; provide marketing, accounting, and  
18 economic analysis services to Hawaiian-owned small  
19 businesses that would otherwise not be able to afford  
20 assistance in these areas; more efficiently link  
21 existing business assistance organizations; and create  
22 new types of services where those services are needed;  
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24 (4) Entrepreneurship education at the post-secondary  
25 levels, utilizing the expertise of the private sector  
26 to develop appropriate curriculum;  
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28 (5) Identification of the federal and state government  
29 policies that specifically relate to Hawaiian small  
30 businesses, including permit procedures and fees,  
31 payroll costs, and tax and labor issues; and  
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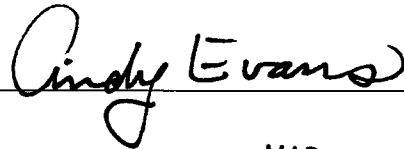
33 (6) The use of grants awarded pursuant to section 10-17,  
34 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to benefit the Hawaiian small  
35 business community; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hui Imi Advisory Council is  
38 requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations  
39 to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the  
40 convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Hawaii United  
3 States Export Assistance Center; the Chairperson of the Office  
4 of Hawaiian Affairs Board of Trustees; Chief Executive Officer  
5 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; the Director of Business,  
6 Economic Development, and Tourism; the Superintendent of  
7 Education; the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; the  
8 Director of Health; the Director of Human Services; the  
9 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; the  
10 President of the University of Hawaii; the Chairperson of the  
11 House of Representatives Standing Committee with primary  
12 jurisdiction over Hawaiian affairs; the Chairperson of the  
13 Senate Standing Committee with primary jurisdiction over  
14 Hawaiian affairs; the Chairperson of the Small Business  
15 Regulatory Review Board; the Chairperson of the Executive  
16 Committee of the Economic Development Alliance of Hawaii; the  
17 Director of the Minority Business Development Agency Business  
18 Center Honolulu; the Director of the Patsy T. Mink Center for  
19 Business & Leadership; the District Director of SCORE Hawaii;  
20 the President and Chief Executive Officer of The Chamber of  
21 Commerce Hawaii; and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors  
22 of the Pacific Asian Center for Entrepreneurship.  
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