SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO PROVIDE HOUSING FOR NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1   WHEREAS, homelessness and availability of housing in
2 Hawaii, especially for Native Hawaiians, is a long-standing
3 concern; and
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5   WHEREAS, the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) report,
6 titled "Housing Needs of Native Hawaiians: A Report From the
7 Assessment of American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native
8 Hawaiian Housing Needs", notes that Native Hawaiians are
9 disproportionately represented in the State's homeless
10 population; and
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12   WHEREAS, HUD's 2015 Homeless Populations and Subpopulations
13 report shows thirty-nine percent of homeless in Hawaii identify
14 as Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander; and
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16   WHEREAS, according to the Department of Hawaiian Home
17 Lands, there are approximately 40,000 Native Hawaiian applicants
18 on the homestead waitlist; and
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20   WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Home Lands Trust has focused
21 primarily on single-family homes over its lifetime; and
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23   WHEREAS, since the Department of Hawaii Home Lands is
24 tasked with protecting and improving the lives of Native
25 Hawaiians, it can and should do more to assist homeless Native
26 Hawaiians and increase the production and availability of
27 housing for those on the waitlist; now, therefore,
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29   BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
32 Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to take the following actions:

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 2   (1)   Identify beneficiaries who are homeless and utilize
 3   this information to assist in its objective to deliver
 4   diverse residential homesteading opportunities for
 5   beneficiaries; and
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 7   (2)   Develop multi-family, high-density development in
 8   transit-oriented development zones; and
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10   BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
12 Hawaiian Homes Commission.
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OFFERED BY: _____