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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, STATE OF HAWAII, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

WHEREAS, before January 17, 1983, the United States of
America had a political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic
relationship with the Kingdom of Hawaii; and

5 WHEREAS, more than one hundred twenty-seven years ago, on 6 January 17, 1893, the Kingdom of Hawaii was overthrown with the 7 participation of agents and citizens of the United States, 8 effectively shattering the relationship that had existed between 9 the Kingdom of Hawaii and the United States; and 10

WHEREAS, in 1978, the State of Hawaii acknowledged the consequences of these actions by significantly amending the Hawaii State Constitution and enacting unprecedented legislation relating to the Native Hawaiian community; and 15

WHEREAS, in 1993, the 103rd Congress enacted Public Law 17 103-150, as, in part, an official apology to Native Hawaiians on 18 behalf of the people of the United States for both the overthrow 19 of the Kingdom of Hawaii by agents and citizens of the United 20 States and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to 21 self-determination; and 22

WHEREAS, after this apology, efforts to establish a relationship of respect and trust between the Native Hawaiian people, State of Hawaii, and federal government have met with varying levels of success; and



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1 WHEREAS, there remains a pressing need to establish a new 2 relationship based on reconciliation and trust between the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United 3 States of America; and 4 5 WHEREAS, establishing and engaging in a participatory and 6 meaningful process for reconciliation will ensure that issues of 7 importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, 8 9 and the United States are addressed; and 10 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation that focuses on a 11 12 shared commitment to a positive future for the people of Hawaii 13 will enable the people of Hawaii to move respectfully into the future; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation also will provide a participatory and meaningful process of engagement to address 17 current discord related to Mauna Kea, including issues related 18 to land use and stewardship as well as the environment, economy, 19 culture, and science; now, therefore, 20 21 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 24 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested to 25 convene a Blue Ribbon Commission to examine and establish a reconciliation process relating to past, present, and future 26 27 issues of importance to the Native Hawaiian people, State of Hawaii, and United States of America; and 28 29 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that any recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation 31 32 Commission achieve the objectives of: 33 34 (1)Identifying processes that can be documented and 35 replicated; and 36 37 (2) Proposing reconciliation measures that can be 38 implemented; and 39 40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to 41 appoint one or more interested and experienced individuals to



1 2	coordinate the efforts of the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission; and
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4 5 6	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to invite interested and experienced individuals to serve as members of the Blue Ribbon Commission; and
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8 9	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation Commission serve without compensation from the
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12	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as its first task, the Blue
13	Ribbon Commission is requested to examine and establish a
14	reconciliation process related to Mauna Kea; and
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16	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Commission is
17	requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings
18	and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, related
19 20	to Manua Kea; and
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21 22	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Blue Ribbon Commission is requested to submit a report to the Legislature of its findings
22	and recommendations, including any proposed legislation,
23 24	regarding identifiable processes and reconciliation proposals
25	related to land use and stewardship as well as the environment,
26	économy, culture, and science; and
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28	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29	Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
30	State of Hawaii, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission,
31	Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Hawaii's
32	Congressional Delegation, Kamehameha Schools, Queen Emma
33	Foundation, Queen Liliuokalani Trust, and William Charles
34	Lunalilo Trust Estate.
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