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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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4 URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMELANDS TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
5 TO DETERMINE IF AND WHEN THE REQUIRED HAWAIIAN BLOOD  
6 QUANTUM WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY DILUTED AS TO BAR ANY NEW  
7 QUALIFYING APPLICANTS FOR THE HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS PROGRAM.  
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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920 (HHCA) was  
11 passed by Congress and signed into law on July 9, 1921 and is  
12 meant for the rehabilitation of the Hawaiian people through a  
13 government led homesteading program; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands (DHHL) was  
16 established through HHCA and provides benefits to native  
17 Hawaiians by offering 99-year homestead leases at an annual rent  
18 of one dollar; and  
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20 WHEREAS, as of the latest DHHL Lessee Survey, DHHL has  
21 awarded almost ten thousand leases to qualifying applicants; and  
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23 WHEREAS, this important benefit is conferred to native  
24 Hawaiian individuals that can prove a blood quantum of at least  
25 fifty per cent Hawaiian blood; and  
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27 WHEREAS, the minimum blood quantum requirement is a measure  
28 that allows for the implementation of the HHCA's purpose of  
29 helping those of Hawaiian decent but can serve as a barrier to  
30 Hawaiians falling short of the blood quantum requirements; and  
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32 WHEREAS, in response the legislature passed HB 451 in 2017,  
33 which is intended to prevent generationally held homeland leases  
34 from being lost when elderly lessees die without qualified  
35 successors by allowing successors to qualify with a blood  
36 quantum of at least one thirty-second Hawaiian; and  
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38 WHEREAS, while in 2017 HB 451 was an important step to  
39 continue access to the Hawaiian Home Lands program and Hawaii  
40 continues to become a more global community, interracial



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1 marriages and blended families will further dilute the Hawaiian  
2 blood quantum and increasingly bar Hawaiian applicants to the  
3 Hawaiian Home Lands program; and  
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5 WHEREAS, there will be a point where the Hawaiian blood  
6 quantum will be so diluted that the fifty percent blood quantum  
7 requirement will essentially bar all new applicants and  
8 frustrate the essential purpose of HHCA; and  
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10 WHEREAS, it is an important state interest to anticipate  
11 the eventuality of the dilution of the Hawaiian blood quantum  
12 and determine what measures the state must implement in order to  
13 further the goals of HHCA and the goals of the Hawaiian people;  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2021, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is urged to  
19 conduct a study to determine if and when the Hawaiian blood  
20 quantum will sufficiently be diluted as to bar any new  
21 qualifying applicants for the Hawaiian Home Lands program; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Department  
25 of Hawaiian Home Lands.  
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OFFERED BY:



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