
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR AND NEED HOUSING IN EACH COUNTY, BY INCOME CLASSIFICATION, AND UNIT TYPE.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Hawaiian
2 Homes Commission Act in 1921, which was authored by Prince Kuhio
3 Kalaniana'ole, and which dedicated 203,000 acres of land in
4 Hawaii to benefit native Hawaiians; and

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6 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act
7 is to restore the cultural link between native Hawaiians and the
8 land and to provide native Hawaiians the stability, financial
9 equity, and economic self-sufficiency that comes from land and
10 home ownership; and

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12 WHEREAS, since the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act was signed
13 into law one hundred years ago, fewer than ten thousand
14 homesteads have been resettled and over twenty-eight thousand
15 beneficiaries remain on the homestead waitlist; and

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17 WHEREAS, for the future of native Hawaiians and their
18 well-being, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is mandated to
19 fulfill its purpose by providing housing for native Hawaiian
20 beneficiaries; and

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22 WHEREAS, the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study was
23 conducted on behalf of the Hawaii Housing Finance and
24 Development Corporation on the housing needs of Hawaii residents
25 by area median income (income classification), preference for
26 ownership or rental of housing (preferred tenancy), and single-
27 or multi-family unit (unit type) per county; and

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29 WHEREAS, the study was conducted based on the housing need
30 of Hawaii residents, in general, and did not specifically



1 include the housing needs of Hawaiian homes beneficiaries; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021,
6 that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to
7 conduct an analysis and provide data on the number of Department
8 of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries who have applied for and
9 need housing in each county, categorized by income
10 classification and preferred unit type; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data is requested to also
13 include the number of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
14 beneficiaries who are not included in previous representations
15 of data because they could not be contacted or have never
16 applied for a housing lease; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
19 Lands is requested to submit the data requested in this measure
20 on needed housing units by income classification, reported for
21 each county and State of Hawaii, for the period 2021-2025 to the
22 Legislature in a form consistent with Table 33 of the 2019
23 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, no later than twenty days prior
24 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
28 Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
29 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Executive Director of the Hawaii
30 Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

