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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 was, and is, to restore the cultural link between native
8 Hawaiians and the land and to provide native Hawaiians the
9 stability, financial equity, and economic self-sufficiency that
10 comes from land and home ownership; and

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12 WHEREAS, since the Act was signed into law one hundred
13 years ago, fewer than one hundred thousand homesteads have been
14 resettled and over twenty-eight thousand beneficiaries remain on
15 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 Development
24 Corporation on the housing needs of Hawaii residents by area
25 median income (income classification), preference for ownership
26 or rental of housing (preferred tenancy), and single- or multi-
27 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
31 include the housing needs of Hawaiian homes beneficiaries; now,
32 therefore,

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S.R. NO. 36

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

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

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
16 Lands is requested to submit the data requested in this measure
17 to the Legislature in a form consistent with Table 33 of the
18 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study, no later than twenty days
19 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
23 Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
24 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Executive Director of the Hawaii
25 Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

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28 OFFERED BY: 

