
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A LAND TRANSFER TASK FORCE TO REVIEW
CERTAIN LANDS FOR EXCHANGE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF
HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL
RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, which is
2 led by the Hawaiian Homes Commission, has the duty to manage and
3 administer certain lands for lease to native Hawaiians pursuant
4 to the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act, 1920; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources,
7 which is led by the Board of Land and Natural Resources, has the
8 duty to manage and administer certain public lands of the State,
9 including forests and forest reserves, state parks, and historic
10 sites; and
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12 WHEREAS, certain lands under the Department of Hawaiian
13 Home Lands' jurisdiction may be better suited for the purposes
14 of the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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16 WHEREAS, approximately sixty thousand acres of conservation
17 land are under the jurisdiction of the Department of Hawaiian
18 Home Lands; and
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20 WHEREAS, certain lands under the Department of Land and
21 Natural Resources' jurisdiction may be better suited for use as
22 Hawaiian Home Lands; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the following individuals,
27 or their respective designees, are requested to convene and
28 serve on a Land Transfer Task Force:
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- 1 (1) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate standing
2 committee with primary jurisdiction over water and
3 land subject matter;
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- 5 (2) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate standing
6 committee with primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian
7 affairs subject matter;
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- 9 (3) The Chair and Vice Chair of the House standing
10 committee with primary jurisdiction over water and
11 land subject matter;
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- 13 (4) The Chair and Vice Chair of the House standing
14 committee with primary jurisdiction over Hawaiian
15 affairs subject matter;
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- 17 (5) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission;
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- 19 (6) The Chairperson of Board of Land and Natural
20 Resources;
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- 22 (7) The Homestead Services Administrator of the Department
23 of Hawaiian Home Lands;
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- 25 (8) The Land Management Administrator of the Department of
26 Hawaiian Home Lands;
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- 28 (9) The Administrator of the Division of Forestry and
29 Wildlife of the Department of Land and Natural
30 Resources; and
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- 32 (10) The Administrator of the Land Division of the
33 Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Transfer Task Force is
36 requested to:
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- 38 (1) Make an inventory of lands under the Department of
39 Hawaiian Home Lands' jurisdiction that may be better
40 suited for the purposes of the Department of Land and
41 Natural Resources;
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1 (2) Make an inventory of lands under the Department of
2 Land and Natural Resources' jurisdiction that may be
3 better suited for the purposes of the Department of
4 Hawaiian Home Lands;

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6 (3) Ascertain the process to transfer appropriate lands
7 from the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to the
8 Department of Land and Natural Resources, and vice
9 versa; and

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11 (4) Determine the challenges and potential remedies
12 necessary to facilitate the transfers of appropriate
13 lands between the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
14 and the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Transfer Task Force is
17 requested to conduct its work through meetings; informational
18 briefings; and consultations with relevant parties, including
19 lessees; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
22 Lands and the Department of Land and Natural Resources are
23 requested to provide any necessary administrative support,
24 including preparation of the report requested below, to the task
25 force; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Transfer Task Force is
28 requested to submit a report of its findings and
29 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
30 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
31 the Regular Session of 2023; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Land Transfer Task Force
34 shall dissolve on July 1, 2023; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;
38 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Chairperson of
39 Board of Land and Natural Resources; Homestead Services
40 Administrator of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Land
41 Management Administrator of the Department of Hawaiian Home
42 Lands; Administrator of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife of



1 the Department of Land and Natural Resources; and Administrator
2 of the Land Division of the Department of Land and Natural
3 Resources.

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OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Blount", is written over a horizontal line.

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