
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO CREATE A
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS HOUSING CONSTRUCTION
OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE.

1 WHEREAS, in 1995, the State of Hawaii was ordered to pay a
2 \$600 million settlement to the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
3 for the misuse of Hawaiian home lands from 1959 to 1988; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands carries out
6 Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision of returning native
7 Hawaiians to Hawaiian home lands; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has pledged \$600 million to
10 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to assist in developing
11 affordable housing; and
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13 WHEREAS, an investment of \$600 million toward the
14 implementation of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act would be a
15 historic infusion of resources to address the needs of thousands
16 of beneficiaries on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands
17 waiting list; and
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19 WHEREAS, multiple state funded construction projects have
20 failed to be completed in a timely manner, and have failed to
21 stay within the initially estimated budget; and
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23 WHEREAS, the citizens of Hawaii hold skepticism on the
24 ability of the state and other departments to efficiently and
25 cost effectively complete construction projects; and
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27 WHEREAS, thousands of potential beneficiaries have already
28 been on Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waiting list for



1 decades and should be afforded efficiency in the utilization of
2 the \$600 million; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2022, that this body appoint a Housing Construction Oversight
7 Committee for the purpose of overseeing and regulating the use
8 of the \$600 million within the Department of Hawaiian Home
9 Lands; and

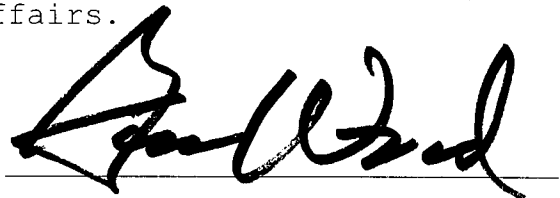
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the oversight committee develop and
12 enforce a deadline for the construction and development of
13 affordable housing to ensure cost effectiveness and efficiency;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the oversight committee operate
17 under full transparency and uphold sunshine laws; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the oversight committee ensures all
20 \$600 million is spent on the development of homesteads and
21 upholds Prince Jonah Kūhiō Kalaniana'ole's vision; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Department Of Hawaiian Home
25 Lands, and the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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28 OFFERED BY:



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