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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE AND COUNTIES TO CONSIDER THE HISTORY AND REASONS WHY LANDS ARE ZONED A PARTICULAR WAY AND ENSURE THAT THOSE LANDS ARE MAINTAINED TO PROTECT, SERVE, AND PROVIDE FOR THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN COMMUNITIES.

1           WHEREAS, land trusts conserve natural resources such as  
2 natural areas, parks, and farmlands to help keep communities  
3 vibrant, enjoyable, and sustainable; and  
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5           WHEREAS, preservation lands were intended to provide a  
6 natural easement between community developments, but sales of  
7 preservation lands in the last twenty years in Haiku Plantation,  
8 Ahuimanu, Kahaluu, Olomana, and other areas have threatened  
9 sacred sites and other Hawaiian cultural and natural resources;  
10 and  
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12           WHEREAS, the conversion of preservation, public, and  
13 agricultural lands into rural lands has resulted in those lands  
14 becoming "gentlemen farms" that do not serve their original  
15 purpose, provide no benefit to the communities, violate the  
16 original purpose of the lands, and gentrify Hawaiian communities  
17 and spaces, forcing residents to be priced out of their own  
18 homes; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the complex issue of the current housing shortage  
21 in Hawaii is exacerbated by the Western imperialist approach of  
22 constant exploitation and prostitution of Hawaii's tourist  
23 economy, social media, and real estate market to be a  
24 destination location built upon a history of mystical allure and  
25 the dream to own a piece of the pristine beauty of Hawaii; and  
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27           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians and other Pacific Island  
28 communities experience chronic, episodic, transitional, and  
29 hidden homelessness or houselessness in Hawaii due to  
30 gentrification and costs of housing being driven up by foreign  
31 investor bidding wars, and housing costs not being tied to



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1 income levels equivalent with the level of public education  
2 these populations receive; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the gateway to the American dream of  
5 wealth where many Pacific Island, European, and other Native  
6 people of color come to try to transition to build sustainable  
7 wealth, overtaxing Hawaii's fragile and finite ecosystem with an  
8 already overcrowded population; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor, Board of  
13 Land and Natural Resources, Land Use Commission, City and County  
14 of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, Hawaii County  
15 Planning Department, County of Kauai Planning Department, and  
16 County of Maui Planning Department are urged to consider the  
17 history and reasons why lands are zoned a particular way and to  
18 ensure that those lands are maintained to serve the purpose for  
19 which they were intended: to protect, serve, and provide for  
20 the Native Hawaiian communities upon whose back the burden of  
21 the state budget has been laid upon since the illegal overthrow  
22 of the Hawaiian Kingdom on January 17, 1893; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
26 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of  
27 the Land Use Commission, and Mayors of the respective counties.  
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OFFERED BY:



By Request

