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SENATE 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;
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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
32 income levels equivalent with the level of public education
33 these populations receive; and
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is the gateway to the American dream of
2 wealth where many Pacific Island, European, and other Native
3 people of color come to try to transition to build sustainable
4 wealth, overtaking Hawaii's fragile and finite ecosystem with an
5 already overcrowded population; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
9 that the Governor, Board of Land and Natural Resources, Land Use
10 Commission, City and County of Honolulu Department of Planning
11 and Permitting, Hawaii County Planning Department, County of
12 Kauai Planning Department, and County of Maui Planning
13 Department are urged to consider the history and reasons why
14 lands are zoned a particular way and to ensure that those lands
15 are maintained to serve the purpose for which they were
16 intended: to protect, serve, and provide for the Native
17 Hawaiian communities upon whose back the burden of the state
18 budget has been laid upon since the illegal overthrow of the
19 Hawaiian Kingdom on January 17, 1893; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chairperson of the
23 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chair of the Land Use
24 Commission, and Mayors of the respective counties.

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27 OFFERED BY:

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By Request

