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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A  
FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THE CREATION OF AN ENFORCEMENT  
DIVISION FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the land trust managed by the Department of  
2 Hawaiian Home Lands consists of over two hundred thousand acres  
3 across the State; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has an  
6 enforcement section whose role is to investigate complaints from  
7 the public and other government agencies dealing with  
8 trespassing and other misuses of Hawaiian home lands, initiate  
9 actions to evict trespassers, and curtail illegal activities on  
10 Hawaiian home lands; and  
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12 WHEREAS, the enforcement section does not have police  
13 powers but instead relies on county police or the Department of  
14 Land and Natural Resources' Division of Conservation and  
15 Resources Enforcement for policing Hawaiian home lands; and  
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17 WHEREAS, in February of 2021, the enforcement section and  
18 Honolulu Police Department investigated an illegal game room on  
19 Hawaiian home lands, and there are reports of other such illegal  
20 game rooms in operation; and  
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22 WHEREAS, without police powers, the enforcement section  
23 does not currently have the authority to even prevent  
24 trespassers from traversing through sensitive Department of  
25 Hawaiian Home Lands managed lands; now, therefore,  
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,  
29 that the Hawaiian Homes Commission is requested to conduct a  
30 feasibility study for the creation of an enforcement division  
31 with police powers within the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands,  
32 similar to that of the Division of Conservation and Resources  
33 Enforcement within the Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
34 and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Homes Commission  
2 is requested to submit a copy of the feasibility study,  
3 including any necessary proposed legislation, to the Legislature  
4 no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
5 Session of 2023; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
9 Homes Commission.

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12 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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