
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS IMPLEMENT PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT VERY LOW INCOME NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the
2 public land trust are for the benefit of the native Hawaiian
3 people; and
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5 WHEREAS, the waitlist for residential and farming
6 homesteads reached 28,500 native Hawaiian adults in 2019, and
7 still currently remains around 28,000 adults despite pledges of
8 money and programs designed to expedite the process of reducing
9 the waitlist; and
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11 WHEREAS, over two thousand native Hawaiians have died while
12 on the waitlist; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the worst homeless rates in the
15 country when measured by the number of homeless per 10,000
16 people and Hawaii's homeless population contains a
17 disproportionately high number of native Hawaiians; and
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19 WHEREAS, partially due to the coronavirus disease 2019
20 pandemic, even those native Hawaiians who are renting are having
21 difficulties keeping up with rising costs; and
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23 WHEREAS, the average mortgage in Hawaii currently is over
24 \$600,000 which is nearly impossible to support every month at
25 conventional rates if rent is already an issue; and
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27 WHEREAS, the State is currently in the process of hopefully
28 approving compost toilets for use; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
2 Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to implement programs that
3 would support very low income beneficiaries; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
6 Lands is requested to consider the following potential
7 solutions:
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- 9 (1) Awarding vacant land leases which could be used to
10 live in county approved temporary structures with an
11 accompanying Department of Health approved wastewater
12 treatment system;
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14 (2) Duplicating the Puuhonua O Waianae model on every
15 island possibly through awarding general leases to
16 homestead groups; and
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18 (3) Requesting the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to
19 provide rental assistance, mortgage assistance, and
20 down payment assistance subject to eligibility
21 criterion and sufficient funds; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
25 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Chairperson of the Office
26 of Hawaiian Affairs.

