
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TAXATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, TO CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON PROVIDING TAX BREAKS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO SELL PROPERTY TO NATIVE HAWAIIANS ON THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS WAITLIST.

1 WHEREAS, the availability of housing in the State,
2 especially for native Hawaiians, has been a long-standing
3 concern; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2017 the United States Department of Housing
6 and Urban Development released the "Housing Needs of Native
7 Hawaiians" report that compares housing conditions of native
8 Hawaiians to those of other residents of the State; and
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10 WHEREAS, the report found that native Hawaiians are
11 disproportionately represented in the State's homeless
12 population; and
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14 WHEREAS, native Hawaiians continue to make up a large
15 percentage of that State's homeless population; and
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17 WHEREAS, in 2022, native Hawaiians made up forty-four
18 percent of the State's homeless population, with fifteen percent
19 of those homeless individuals reporting that they were on the
20 Department of Hawaiian Home Land's waitlist for a homestead
21 property;
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23 WHEREAS, there are approximately 28,700 native Hawaiian
24 applicants on the Department of Hawaiian Home Land's homestead
25 waitlist; and
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27 WHEREAS, there is an urgent need for more affordable
28 housing for native Hawaiians not only on homestead land, but
29 throughout the State; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State needs innovative solutions to address
2 socio-economic problems faced by native Hawaiians and to put
3 native Hawaiians into affordable housing; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2023, that the Department of Taxation, in
8 consultation with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, is
9 urged to conduct a feasibility study on providing tax breaks to
10 individuals who sell property to native Hawaiians who are listed
11 on the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands waitlist; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Taxation is
14 requested to submit a report of its findings and
15 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
17 the Regular Session of 2024; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to Director of Taxation and
21 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.
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OFFERED BY: _____



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