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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO IDENTIFY  
RESOURCES NEEDED TO EXECUTE A PLAN TO REPAIR HOMES FOR SAFE  
HABITATION.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands endeavors to  
2 provide housing to applicants on its waitlist but has limited  
3 land assets with the necessary infrastructure for housing; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands properties in  
6 already-developed communities may be unoccupied for various  
7 reasons, including a pending transfer or the inability of  
8 lessees to afford to maintain the home, thereby rendering the  
9 home unlivable or unsafe; and  
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11 WHEREAS, these properties and the infrastructure developed  
12 for these properties are not only failing to achieve their  
13 intended purpose but also, when abandoned, change the character  
14 of the community and pose a safety hazard for neighborhood  
15 residents, as these unoccupied properties are sometimes taken  
16 over by squatters; and  
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18 WHEREAS, unoccupied properties, if repaired, have the  
19 potential to house the existing lessees or new lessees of the  
20 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; now, therefore,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
24 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
25 Hawaiian Home Lands is requested to identify resources needed to  
26 execute a plan that:  
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- 28 (1) Systematically identifies unoccupied Department of  
29 Hawaiian Homes Lands properties in disrepair to



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- 1 confirm the occupancy status, lease status, and
- 2 reasons for the current status;
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- 4 (2) Assists current lessees in assessing what repairs are
- 5 needed to make their homes safe and habitable;
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- 7 (3) Connects identified lessees who are in need of help
- 8 with applicable sources of funding, such as the Native
- 9 American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act
- 10 of 1996;
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- 12 (4) Manages alternative sources of funding;
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- 14 (5) Follows up to facilitate and expedite pending lease
- 15 transfers; and
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- 17 (6) Conducts contested case hearings, as needed; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian  
 20 Homes Lands is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
 21 the resources identified to the Legislature no later than twenty  
 22 days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
 26 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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OFFERED BY:   
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