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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A LEGISLATIVE WORKING GROUP TO OVERSEE THE  
DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS' EXECUTION OF FUNDS  
APPROPRIATED PURSUANT TO ACT 279, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII  
2022, TO ADDRESS THE BENEFICIARY WAITING LIST.

1           WHEREAS, one of the primary responsibilities of the  
2 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is to administer the  
3 Department's homesteading program and provide its native  
4 Hawaiian beneficiaries with 99-year homestead leases for  
5 residential, agricultural, or pastoral purposes; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' homestead  
8 waitlist currently has more than twenty-eight thousand  
9 individuals, with many beneficiaries languishing on the waitlist  
10 for decades; and  
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12           WHEREAS, Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279),  
13 appropriated a historic \$600,000,000 to the Department of  
14 Hawaiian Home Lands to address the needs of native Hawaiians on  
15 the Department's waitlist; and  
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17           WHEREAS, Act 279 required the Department of Hawaiian Home  
18 Lands to submit a strategic plan, including findings,  
19 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the  
20 Legislature by December 10, 2022; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has until  
23 June 30, 2025, to encumber all funds for specific purposes; now,  
24 therefore,  
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26           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
28 Session of 2023, that a legislative working group be established



1 to oversee the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' execution of  
2 the funds appropriated pursuant to Act 279, Session Laws of  
3 Hawaii 2022, to address the beneficiary waitlist; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of  
6 the following members designated as follows:  
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- 8 (1) The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Representative from  
9 the Tenth District, who shall serve as Chair;  
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- 11 (2) The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Representative from the  
12 Eighth District;  
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- 14 (3) The Honorable Daniel Holt, Representative from the  
15 Twenty-Eighth District;  
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- 17 (4) The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Representative from  
18 the Twenty-Third;  
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- 20 (5) The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Representative from the  
21 Thirteenth District; and  
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- 23 (6) The Honorable Gene Ward, Representative from the  
24 Eighteenth District; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a  
27 report of its findings and recommendations to the House of  
28 Representatives no later than twenty days prior to the  
29 commencement of the Regular Session of 2024; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include an analysis  
32 of topics, including:  
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- 34 (1) The leveraging or maximization of the \$600,000,000  
35 appropriated;  
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- 37 (2) Alternative financing mechanisms for beneficiaries and  
38 developers; and  
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- 40 (3) Alternative housing development options, other than  
41 homestead lot development; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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