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.

WHEREAS, one of the primary responsibilities of the 1 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is to administer the 2 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 6 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 11 12 WHEREAS, Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279), appropriated a historic \$600,000,000 to the Department of 13 Hawaiian Home Lands to address the needs of native Hawaiians on 14 15 the Department's waitlist; and 16 17 WHEREAS, Act 279 required the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands to submit a strategic plan, including findings, 18 recommendations, and any proposed legislation, to the 19 20 Legislature by December 10, 2022; and 21 22 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has until June 30, 2025, to encumber all funds for specific purposes; now, 23 24 therefore. 25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 26 27 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 28 Session of 2023, that a legislative working group be established

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1 2 3 4	the funds	e the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands' execution of appropriated pursuant to Act 279, Session Laws of 22, to address the beneficiary waitlist; and
5 6 7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group consist of the following members designated as follows:	
8 9 10	(1)	The Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Representative from the Tenth District, who shall serve as Chair;
10 11 12 13	(2)	The Honorable David A. Tarnas, Representative from the Eighth District;
13 14 15 16	(3)	The Honorable Daniel Holt, Representative from the Twenty-Eighth District;
17 18 19	(4)	The Honorable Scott Y. Nishimoto, Representative from the Twenty-Third;
20 21 22	(5)	The Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Representative from the Thirteenth District; and
22 23 24 25	(6)	The Honorable Gene Ward, Representative from the Eighteenth District; and
25 26 27 28 29 30	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the House of Representatives no later than twenty days prior to the commencement of the Regular Session of 2024; and	
31 32 33		T FURTHER RESOLVED that the report include an analysis , including:
34 35 36	(1)	The leveraging or maximization of the \$600,000,000 appropriated;
37 38 39	(2)	Alternative financing mechanisms for beneficiaries and developers; and
39 40 41	(3)	Alternative housing development options, other than homestead lot development; and

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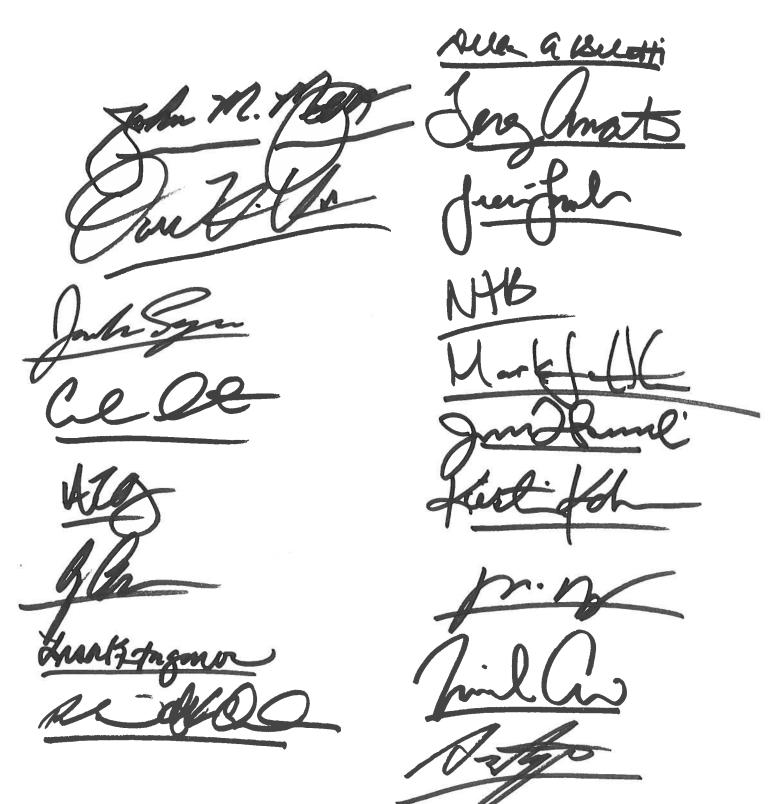
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1 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian 3 4 Homes Commission. 5 6 BCM & BM 7 OFFERED BY: Nadini K. Mut 2023-0513 HR HMSO-2 3

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