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SENATE 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 Senate of the Thirty-second
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
24 House of Representatives 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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confirm the occupancy status, lease status, and reasons for the current status;

- (2) Assists current lessees in assessing what repairs are needed to make their homes safe and habitable;
- (3) Connects identified lessees who are in need of help with applicable sources of funding, such as the Native American Housing Assistance and Self Determination Act of 1996;
- (4) Manages alternative sources of funding;
- (5) Follows up to facilitate and expedite pending lease transfers; and
- (6) Conducts contested case hearings, as needed; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Homes Lands is requested to submit a report of its findings and the resources identified to the Legislature no later than twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

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

OFFERED BY: 

