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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION TO CONSULT BENEFICIARIES OF THE HAWAIIAN HOMES COMMISSION ACT REGARDING ALTERNATIVE WAITLIST AND AWARD PRIORITIZATION BASED ON LINEAL AND GENERATIONAL DESCENDANCY FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS LOCATED IN HANA, MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 101 of the Hawaiian Homes  
2 Commission Act, 1920, as amended, principal purposes of the Act  
3 are to place Hawaiians on the lands set aside under the Act in a  
4 prompt and efficient manner, and to ensure long-term tenancy for  
5 beneficiaries and their successors; and

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7           WHEREAS, there remains an extensive waitlist of  
8 beneficiaries attempting to obtain leases of Hawaiian home  
9 lands; and

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11           WHEREAS, under current practice, the Department of Hawaiian  
12 Home Lands gives priority to persons on the waitlist based upon  
13 their dates of application; and

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15           WHEREAS, basing waitlist prioritization and awards on  
16 lineal and generational descendance may be a more culturally  
17 appropriate option, especially in rural and remote areas where  
18 higher concentrations of these descendants remain; now,  
19 therefore,

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21           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaiian Homes  
24 Commission is urged to consult beneficiaries of the Hawaiian  
25 Homes Commission Act regarding alternative waitlist and award  
26 prioritization based upon lineal and generational descendance  
27 for Hawaiian Home Lands located in Hana, Maui; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Homes Commission  
2 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
3 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
4 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
5 the Regular Session of 2025; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
9 Hawaiian Homes Commission and Chairperson of the Board of  
10 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

