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HOUSE 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.

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

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

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

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

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Hawaiian Homes Commission is urged to consult beneficiaries of the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act regarding alternative waitlist and award prioritization based upon lineal and generational descendancy for Hawaiian Home Lands located in Hana, Maui; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Homes Commission is requested to submit a report of its findings and

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recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; 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 and Chairperson of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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