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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TO ASSESS WHETHER THERE HAS BEEN
A SUBSTANTIAL OR MATERIAL BREACH OF GENERAL LEASE NO. 231
EXECUTED BY AND BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS AND THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE.

1 WHEREAS, the federal executive administration has embarked
2 on a reduction in workforce that will have widespread economic
3 impact; and
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5 WHEREAS, while the National Park Service has recently fired
6 approximately one thousand employees, the Ninth Circuit has
7 ruled that the Office of Personnel Management's actions
8 directing agencies to fire probationary employees are illegal;
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11 WHEREAS, given these circumstances, the Legislature is
12 concerned about the National Park Service's ability to uphold
13 its obligations to the State, including stewardship of state
14 lands; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Attorney General
19 is requested to assess whether there has been a substantial or
20 material breach of General Lease No. 231 executed by and between
21 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and the National Park
22 Service; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that considering the State's
25 anticipated transfer of Kalawao County to the County of Maui
26 with the passing of the last patient in the park, the Attorney
27 General is requested to determine whether the lease should be
28 rescinded or otherwise amended; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Attorney General,



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1 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Director of
2 Health, and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
3 Resources.

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OFFERED BY: _____

Karl Rhoads

