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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT AN AUDIT OF THE MONEYS  
APPROPRIATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS  
PURSUANT TO ACT 279, SESSION LAWS OF HAWAII 2022.

1 WHEREAS, Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 ("Act 279"),  
2 as amended by Act 125, Session Laws of Hawaii 2024, appropriated  
3 \$600,000,000 to eliminate the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
4 waitlist by providing land and housing to native Hawaiians; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands was  
7 authorized to use the appropriated moneys to develop residential  
8 lots and housing units, purchase land, provide financial  
9 assistance to the waitlisted applicants, and other necessary  
10 services; and  
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12 WHEREAS, Act 279 mandates that the Department of Hawaiian  
13 Home Lands establish a strategic plan that aligns with the  
14 beneficiaries' preferences, as identified in the 2020  
15 Beneficiaries Study Applicant Report, with seventy-six percent  
16 of beneficiaries preferring a single-family home or a vacant lot  
17 for home construction, and sixteen percent preferring rental or  
18 rent-to-own options for single-family homes, duplexes,  
19 apartments, or townhouses; and  
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21 WHEREAS, as of 2022, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
22 waitlist included over 28,700 native Hawaiian beneficiaries, a  
23 number that remains relatively unchanged by late 2024 despite  
24 the intent of Act 279; and  
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26 WHEREAS, On January 17, 2024, the Department of Hawaiian  
27 Home Lands submitted its required Annual Activity Report which  
28 stated that the Department encumbered and expended approximately  
29 \$193.7 million, with the projected total of 1,489 applicants on  
30 the waiting list having been assisted; and  
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