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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII, AND LAND USE COMMISSION TO PROVIDE ENHANCED PUBLIC NOTICE FOR CHANGES IN LAND USE OR BOUNDARY CHANGES.

1 WHEREAS, the public would benefit from more transparency in
2 the State's construction permitting process; and

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4 WHEREAS, in some cases, neighborhoods and communities have
5 not been adequately informed about a project's impacts on health
6 and safety, cultural practices, wildlife, the ecosystem, or the
7 environment; and

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9 WHEREAS, the protests that occurred in response to the
10 Kahuku windmill project, Thirty Meter Telescope, and other
11 construction projects demonstrated the consequences of foregoing
12 community involvement; and

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14 WHEREAS, an enhanced notice process, including public
15 meetings, would give affected communities the opportunity to
16 become informed and provide input; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
21 Hawaiian Home Lands, Department of Land and Natural Resources,
22 University of Hawaii, and Land Use Commission are requested to
23 provide enhanced public notice for changes in land use or
24 boundary changes; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the enhanced public notice is
27 requested to:

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29 (1) Be provided within thirty days of the filing of a
30 permit application;

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- 1 (2) Include at least three public meetings or hearings;
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- 4 (3) Be provided through newspaper publication, by mail to
- 5 affected residents, and on the department or agency's
- 6 website; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Hawaiian
10 Home Lands, Chair of the Board of Land and Natural Resources,
11 President of the University of Hawaii, and Chair of the Land Use
12 Commission.

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