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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY WORKING  
GROUP'S REQUEST FOR RESOURCES AND TIMELINE EXTENSION FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2026-2027.

1           WHEREAS, the State has a unique constitutional mandate  
2 under Article XII, Section 7, Hawaii State Constitution to  
3 protect and preserve the rights of Native Hawaiians, including  
4 cultural and traditional rights, making the preservation of  
5 Native Hawaiian intellectual property a responsibility of the  
6 State; and  
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8           WHEREAS, the Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property Working  
9 Group (Working Group) was established by H.C.R. No. 108, H.D. 1,  
10 S.D. 1 (2023), to address the complexities of protecting Native  
11 Hawaiian intellectual property, with a composition that includes  
12 representatives from respected Native Hawaiian organizations,  
13 including the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, State Foundation on  
14 Culture and the Arts, Native Hawaiian Legal Corporation, Ka Huli  
15 Ao Center for Excellence in Native Hawaiian Law, Kāhuli Leo Le‘a,  
16 ‘Thikapalaumaewa Foundation, Kawaihuelani Center for Hawaiian  
17 Language, and Association of Hawaiian Civic Clubs; and  
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19           WHEREAS, the Working Group was tasked with creating and  
20 developing solutions to prevent Native Hawaiian intellectual  
21 property from being incorrectly appropriated and was requested  
22 to submit its recommendations, including any proposed  
23 legislation, to the Legislature no later than forty days prior  
24 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the Working Group requires additional time and  
27 resources to conduct culturally appropriate community  
28 consultations, which are critical for ensuring that solutions  
29 reflect the collective aspirations, insights, and concerns of  
30 Native Hawaiians; and  
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# H.C.R. NO. 114

1           WHEREAS, extending resources to the Working Group aligns  
2 with the State's commitment to reconciliation and justice for  
3 Native Hawaiian people by actively supporting their  
4 self-determination and control over cultural assets; and  
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6           WHEREAS, studies have shown that indigenous communities  
7 that retain control over their cultural resources experience  
8 greater economic stability, community resilience, and cultural  
9 vibrancy, all of which are essential to the well-being of Native  
10 Hawaiian communities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the State's economy benefits from Hawaiian culture  
13 as a central part of its tourism industry, with \$5,600,000,000  
14 in gross domestic product deriving from Hawaii's creative  
15 industries, making it imperative to preserve the integrity of  
16 Native Hawaiian intellectual property to ensure cultural  
17 authenticity and respect; and  
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19           WHEREAS, this body acknowledges the importance of the  
20 Working Group's mission and the complexity of their work, which  
21 requires sufficient time and resources to ensure thorough and  
22 meaningful outcomes for the Native Hawaiian community; now,  
23 therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that this body supports the  
28 Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property Working Group's request  
29 for resources and timeline extension for fiscal year 2026-2027;  
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32           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
34 Native Hawaiian Intellectual Property Working Group.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_



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