
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS TO DEVELOP A COORDINATED SUPPORT AND STABILIZATION PATHWAY FOR NATIVE HAWAIIAN BENEFICIARIES EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS OR EXTREMELY LOW INCOME.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is
2 constitutionally mandated to serve its native Hawaiian
3 beneficiaries, and the Statewide Office on Homelessness and
4 Housing Solutions is responsible for addressing the crisis of
5 homelessness across Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, coordination and collaboration between the
8 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Statewide Office on
9 Homelessness and Housing Solutions would allow for the pooling
10 of expertise, funding, and other resources, thus reducing a
11 duplication of effort; streamlining delivery of services; and
12 ensuring that native Hawaiian beneficiaries receive more
13 comprehensive support; and

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15 WHEREAS, homelessness and extremely low incomes are often
16 cyclical without sustained intervention, and a coordinated
17 pathway would provide native Hawaiian beneficiaries with ongoing
18 support, follow-up, and access to stabilization services,
19 thereby increasing the likelihood of lasting, positive outcomes
20 and breaking the cycle of poverty; and

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22 WHEREAS, by developing a coordinated pathway, the
23 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and Statewide Office on
24 Homelessness and Housing Solutions could provide improved
25 support and clearer guidance and ensure that native Hawaiian
26 beneficiaries do not fall through the cracks; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
30 of 2026, that the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and



1 Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions are
2 requested to develop a coordinated support and stabilization
3 pathway for native Hawaiian beneficiaries experiencing
4 homelessness or extremely low income; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Hawaiian Home
7 Lands and Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions
8 are requested to:
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- 10 (1) Assess the number of native Hawaiian beneficiaries who
11 are experiencing homelessness or whose incomes fall at
12 or below thirty percent of Area Median Income;
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- 14 (2) Identify gaps in housing stabilization, rental
15 assistance, and supportive housing access;
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- 17 (3) Evaluate the feasibility of establishing a coordinated
18 indigent support pathway;
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- 20 (4) Evaluate the feasibility of establishing transitional
21 kauhale or tiny home village models on appropriate
22 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands lands for
23 beneficiary stabilization purposes;
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- 25 (5) Identify appropriate land classifications and
26 safeguards to ensure compliance with the Hawaiian
27 Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended, and trust
28 obligations;
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- 30 (6) Examine partnership opportunities with nonprofit
31 providers for supportive services and case management;
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- 33 (7) Identify funding sources, including federal housing,
34 Medicaid, and state supportive housing funds;
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- 36 (8) Recommend pilot program structures, eligibility
37 criteria, and operational safeguards; and
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- 39 (9) Ensure that any proposed pathway prioritizes eligible
40 beneficiaries and maintains full compliance with the
41 Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as amended; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no later than twenty days prior
2 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027, the Department
3 of Hawaiian Home Lands and Statewide Office on Homelessness and
4 Housing Solutions are requested to submit a report to the
5 Legislature regarding their development of a coordinated support
6 and stabilization pathway for native Hawaiian beneficiaries
7 experiencing homelessness or extremely low income; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Hawaiian
11 Homes Commission and Coordinator on Homelessness.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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