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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO COORDINATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING TO REDUCE INFRASTRUCTURE COSTS FOR HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS DEVELOPMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 279, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022 (Act 279),  
2 appropriated \$600,000,000 for the Department of Hawaiian Home  
3 Lands to address the backlog of applicants on its waitlist for  
4 homestead leases; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 279 identified costs of infrastructure as a  
7 major challenge faced by the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands  
8 in preparing lots for homestead leases; and

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10 WHEREAS, these costs include preparing land for  
11 homesteading with adequate roads, water, sewer drainage,  
12 electrical, and other necessities; and

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14 WHEREAS, any infrastructure development or capital  
15 improvement efforts undertaken by the Department of Hawaiian  
16 Home Lands should be in coordination with other relevant  
17 departments and stakeholders in order to reduce costs and  
18 increase efficiency; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation is engaged in a  
21 number of infrastructure projects that may overlap with current  
22 or future Department of Hawaiian Home Lands development  
23 initiatives; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and  
26 Department of Transportation must ensure synchronized and  
27 coordinated planning in capital improvement planning; now,  
28 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2026, that the Department of Transportation, in collaboration  
4 with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, is requested to  
5 convene a working group to coordinate capital improvement  
6 planning to reduce infrastructure costs for Hawaiian home lands  
7 developments; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
10 to consist of the following members:

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12 (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
13 designee, who shall serve as Co-Chairperson of the  
14 working group;  
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16 (2) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or  
17 the Chairperson's designee, who shall serve as Co-  
18 Chairperson of the working group;  
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20 (3) The Planning and Development Coordinator of the Land  
21 Development Division of the Department of Hawaiian  
22 Home Lands, or the Coordinator's designee;  
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24 (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian  
25 Affairs, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee;  
26 and  
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28 (5) Individuals with experience in infrastructure  
29 planning, transportation, finance, or other relevant  
30 expertise, as invited by the Chairpersons; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
33 to:

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35 (1) Review and compare planned capital improvement  
36 projects of the Department of Transportation and  
37 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands over a five-year  
38 planning period;  
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40 (2) Identify geographic areas where planned Department of  
41 Transportation projects overlap with current or  
42 planned Hawaiian home lands developments;



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2 (3) Evaluate opportunities to coordinate roadway,  
3 drainage, grading, and related infrastructure work to  
4 reduce duplicative mobilization and construction  
5 costs;  
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7 (4) Assess the potential cost savings associated with  
8 synchronized project planning and joint execution;  
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10 (5) Develop a standardized early-notification and  
11 coordination process to ensure timely information  
12 sharing between the departments regarding upcoming  
13 projects;  
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15 (6) Identify statutory, regulatory, or procedural barriers  
16 that may inhibit coordinated capital improvement  
17 execution; and  
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19 (7) Recommend necessary administrative or legislative  
20 changes to institutionalize coordinated planning  
21 efforts; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
24 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
25 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
26 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
27 of 2027; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall cease  
30 to exist on June 30, 2027; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,  
34 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Interim Chief  
35 Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

