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

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

- (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's designee, who shall serve as chairperson of the working group;
- (2) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or the Chairperson's designee;
- (3) The Planning and Development Coordinator of the Land Development Division of the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, or the Coordinator's designee;
- (4) The Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, or the Chief Executive Officer's designee; and
- (5) Individuals with experience in infrastructure planning, transportation, finance, or other relevant expertise, as invited by the chairperson; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to:

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



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- (3) Evaluate opportunities to coordinate roadway, drainage, grading, and related infrastructure work to reduce duplicative mobilization and construction costs;
- (4) Assess the potential cost savings associated with synchronized project planning and joint execution;
- (5) Develop a standardized early-notification and coordination process to ensure timely information sharing between the departments regarding upcoming projects;
- (6) Identify statutory, regulatory, or procedural barriers that may inhibit coordinated capital improvement execution; and
- (7) Recommend necessary administrative or legislative changes to institutionalize coordinated planning efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group shall cease to exist on June 30, 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, and Chief Executive Officer of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

OFFERED BY: Mike Gabbard

