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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS AND THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, AS REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH, CONDUCT STATEWIDE INFORMATIONAL HEARINGS ON THE CEDED LANDS TRUST SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT.

1 WHEREAS, on January 18, 2008, the Office of Hawaiian
2 Affairs and the State's executive branch announced that they had
3 reached a \$200,000,000 settlement regarding ceded lands; and
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5 WHEREAS, the settlement must be approved by the
6 Legislature, which was not privy to the negotiation of the
7 settlement terms; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Legislature, as well as the public, have many
10 questions regarding the terms of the settlement, including
11 whether the terms of the settlement can be modified or amended
12 and the effect of the settlement on future claims regarding
13 ceded lands; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Legislature is concerned that the Office of
16 Hawaiian Affairs and the State's executive branch did not seek
17 public input regarding the settlement before submitting it to
18 the Legislature for approval; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Legislature has been informed that the Office
21 of Hawaiian Affairs plans to conduct a public informational
22 campaign that will include statewide meetings which are intended
23 to inform its constituency about the settlement; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Legislature believes that the result of such a
26 statewide public information campaign should include the
27 reporting of findings and recommendations to the Legislature for
28 its use in considering whether to approve the settlement; now,
29 therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian
 4 Affairs and the Attorney General, as the representative of the
 5 executive branch of the State, are requested to conduct
 6 statewide public informational meetings regarding the terms and
 7 conditions of the proposed ceded lands settlement; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the public informational
 10 meetings, at a minimum, shall be held as follows: two meetings
 11 on Oahu, two meetings on the island of Hawaii, one meeting on
 12 Maui, and one meeting on Kauai. In addition, public
 13 informational meetings shall be held in close proximity to
 14 Hawaiian Home Lands communities, including but not limited to,
 15 home land communities on Molokai and in Nanakuli or Waianae, and
 16 Waimanalo; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that public input and
 19 recommendations for changes regarding the proposed ceded lands
 20 settlement be accepted at the statewide public informational
 21 meetings; and

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 23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
 24 and the Attorney General are requested to submit a written
 25 report of their findings and recommendations, including
 26 recommendations for changes to the proposed ceded lands
 27 settlement, if any, to the Legislature no later than March 26,
 28 2008; and

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 30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Office of Hawaiian
 32 Affairs, the Attorney General, and the Governor of the State of
 33 Hawaii.

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 36 OFFERED BY: _____


