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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO STUDY  
THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING KANAKA VILLAGES FOR  
HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIANS.

1           WHEREAS, the State has opened several new homeless shelters  
2 in response to the rapidly increasing homeless population; and  
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4           WHEREAS, in spite of efforts by government and nonprofit  
5 organizations to provide overnight shelter to homeless persons,  
6 there are still many homeless individuals who sleep in public  
7 parks, along sidewalks, and in other areas; and  
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9           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians constitute nearly 40 percent of  
10 the homeless population in the State; and  
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12           WHEREAS, many homeless Native Hawaiians choose not to use  
13 homeless shelters because their lifestyles conflict with shelter  
14 rules; now, therefore,  
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16           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2011, that the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness is  
19 requested to study the feasibility of establishing kanaka  
20 villages, as described in House Bill No. 1489, House Draft 2  
21 (2011), in which homeless Native Hawaiians may live in tents and  
22 subsist off the land using traditional Hawaiian methods of  
23 sustainability; and  
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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the study, the  
26 Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness is requested to:  
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28           (1) Consult with the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands and  
29 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and,  
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31           (2) Identify appropriate areas on Department of Hawaiian  
32 Home Lands property that may be used for kanaka  
33 villages;



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3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Coordinator on Homelessness  
4 is requested to submit to the Legislature a report of the  
5 Coordinator's findings and recommendations, including any  
6 proposed legislation, no later than 20 days prior to the  
7 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Governor's  
11 Coordinator on Homelessness, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes  
12 Commission, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing  
13 Authority.

