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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS TO ASSEMBLE A WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY INNOVATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES; INVESTIGATE SUITABLE AND AVAILABLE FEDERAL, STATE, COUNTY, AND PRIVATE LAND FOR INNOVATIVE HOUSING PROJECTS; AND PREPARE A PLAN TO DEVELOP A DEMONSTRATION HOUSING PROJECT FOR HOMELESS NATIVE HAWAIIAN FAMILIES THAT CAN SERVE AS A MODEL STATEWIDE.

1           WHEREAS, homelessness is a complex and multi-faceted issue  
2 that requires planning, coordination, implementation, and  
3 funding across federal, state, county, business, local, and  
4 community lines; and  
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6           WHEREAS, although local government agencies, non-profit  
7 service providers, and other private sector organizations have  
8 diligently and successfully assisted homeless individuals, the  
9 number of individuals and families in Hawaii who are homeless  
10 continues to increase, with the number of homeless individuals  
11 served increasing by over one thousand from 13,000 in 2009 to  
12 approximately 14,000 in 2012; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians are disproportionately  
15 represented among Hawaii's homeless at twenty-eight percent of  
16 the homeless served; and  
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18           WHEREAS, homelessness is often a revolving door for many  
19 Native Hawaiian families because of underlying and unresolved  
20 socioeconomic problems such as unemployment, poor health, and  
21 substance abuse; and  
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23           WHEREAS, to break the cycle of homelessness and end the  
24 generational neglect of children within homeless Native Hawaiian  
25 families, it is necessary to develop innovative housing  
26 solutions that provide the families with stable housing and  
27 access to support and to strengthen services to resolve  
28 underlying problems; and



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 2 WHEREAS, developing these solutions will require the  
 3 cooperation and collaboration of the agencies and organizations  
 4 from the governmental, private, business, and non-profit sectors  
 5 of our community; and  
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7 WHEREAS, because innovative housing solutions for homeless  
 8 Native Hawaiian families may include traditional, culturally  
 9 based solutions, such as re-creating "kauhale" housing  
 10 complexes, the participation of expert Hawaiian cultural  
 11 practitioners will be required; now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
 14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
 15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Coordinator on  
 16 Homelessness is directed to assemble a working group of  
 17 individuals from federal, state, and county government agencies,  
 18 the business community, private sector organizations, non-profit  
 19 service providers, and Hawaiian cultural practitioners to:  
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- 21 (1) Identify innovative housing solutions for homeless  
 22 Native Hawaiian families;
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- 24 (2) Investigate suitable and available federal, state,  
 25 county, and private land for innovative housing  
 26 projects; and  
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- 28 (3) Prepare a plan to develop a demonstration housing  
 29 project for homeless Native Hawaiian families that can  
 30 serve as a model statewide; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group, chaired by  
 33 the Coordinator on Homelessness, is requested to include  
 34 representatives from the following:  
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- 36 (1) Department of Human Services;
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- 38 (2) Department of Health;
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- 40 (3) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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- 42 (4) Department of Land and Natural Resources;
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- 44 (5) Department of Hawaiian Home Lands;



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- 2 (6) Office of Hawaiian Affairs;
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- 4 (7) Interagency Council on Homelessness;
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- 6 (8) Workforce Hawaii;
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- 8 (9) Hawaii Housing and Finance Development Corporation;
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- 10 (10) Department of Agriculture;
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- 12 (11) United States Department of Housing and Urban
- 13 Development;
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- 15 (12) United States Department of Agricultural Rural
- 16 Development;
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- 18 (13) County Parks and Recreation Departments;
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- 20 (14) University of Hawaii Department of Urban and Regional
- 21 Planning;
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- 23 (15) University of Hawaii School of Architecture;
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- 25 (16) Partners in Development Foundation, Inc.;
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- 27 (17) Blueprint for Change;
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- 29 (18) Hawaiian Community Assets;
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- 31 (19) Alternative Structures International, Hawaii;
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- 33 (20) Hawaii Habitat for Humanity; and
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- 35 (21) Appropriate, Hawaiian cultural practitioner groups;
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
39 to report its findings and recommendations, including:

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- 41 (1) Recommended solutions to the problem of homeless
- 42 Native Hawaiians;
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- 1           (2) Identification of potential land sites for innovative
- 2           housing projects; and
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- 4           (3) A draft plan to develop a demonstration project for
- 5           homeless Native Hawaiians,
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- 7 to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
- 8 convening of the Regular Session of 2014; and
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10           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor;

12 Coordinator on Homelessness; Director of Human Services;

13 Director of Health; Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;

14 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;

15 Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission; Executive Director

16 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Chairperson of the Hawaii

17 Interagency Council on Homelessness; Workforce Hawaii; Executive

18 Director of the Hawaii Housing and Finance Development

19 Corporation; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Department

20 Chair of the University of Hawaii Department of Urban and

21 Regional Planning; Dean of the University of Hawaii School of

22 Architecture; United States Department of Housing and Urban

23 Development; United States Department of Agricultural Rural

24 Development; Directors of the County Parks and Recreation

25 Departments; Partners in Development Foundation, Inc.; Blueprint

26 for Change; Hawaiian Community Assets; Alternative Structures

27 International, Hawaii; and Hawaii Habitat for Humanity.

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