
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO INTRODUCE FEDERAL
LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME
LANDS WITH FUNDING FOR ITS HOMESTEAD PROGRAM.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands was
2 established under the Hawaiian Homes Commission Act of 1920, as
3 amended, to provide for the rehabilitation of the native
4 Hawaiian people through a government-sponsored homesteading
5 program; and
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7 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Hawaiian Home
8 Lands is to manage the Hawaiian Home Lands trust effectively, to
9 develop and deliver lands to native Hawaiians, and to partner
10 with others towards developing self-sufficient and healthy
11 communities; and
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13 WHEREAS, the intent of the Department of Hawaiian Home
14 Lands' Homestead Program is to encourage the economic self-
15 sufficiency of native Hawaiians through the provision of land
16 for residential, agricultural, aquacultural, or pastoral use,
17 and the Department accomplishes this by giving native Hawaiians
18 ninety-nine-year homestead leases at an annual rental of \$1,
19 with the option of extending these leases for an additional one
20 hundred years; and
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22 WHEREAS, thousands of native Hawaiians have waited many
23 years, even decades, for a land lease from the Department of
24 Hawaiian Home Lands, due in part to limited financial resources
25 necessary for the construction of infrastructure such as roads,
26 water lines, and sewer lines, which are critical to the
27 development of lots that are ready for home construction by
28 leaseholders; now, therefore,
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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation are urged to introduce federal legislation to provide the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands with funding for its Homestead Program, including the development of necessary infrastructure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to members of Hawaii's congressional delegation and the Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission.

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