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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ELECTIONS TO AMEND THE CHOICE FOR SELF-
DECLARATION TO ALLOW THE AFFIANT TO IDENTIFY AS A PERSON
BORN WITHIN THE GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES OF WHAT IS CURRENTLY
THE STATE OF HAWAI'I OR A DESCENDANT OF ANY CITIZEN OF THE
HAWAIIAN KINGDOM THAT THE UNITED STATES RECOGNIZED AS A
NATION PRIOR TO 1893.

1 WHEREAS, in 1993, the United States formally apologized to
2 Native Hawaiians for the United States' role in the overthrow of
3 the Hawaiian Kingdom through Public Law 103-150 (107
4 Stat. 1510), commonly known as the "Apology Resolution"; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Apology Resolution acknowledges that the
7 illegal overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom occurred with the
8 active participation of agents and citizens of the United States
9 and further acknowledges that the Native Hawaiian people never
10 directly relinquished to the United States their claims to their
11 inherent sovereignty as a people over their national lands,
12 either through a Treaty of Annexation or through a plebiscite or
13 referendum; and
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15 WHEREAS, Act 195, Regular Session of 2011, explicitly
16 acknowledged and recognized Native Hawaiians as "the only
17 indigenous, aboriginal, maoli people of Hawaii", and also noted
18 that "Native Hawaiians have continued to maintain their separate
19 identity as a single, distinctly native political community
20 through cultural, social, and political institutions and have
21 continued to maintain their rights to self-determination, self-
22 governance, and economic self-sufficiency"; and
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24 WHEREAS, the same Act expressed the "State's desire to
25 support the continuing development of a reorganized Native
26 Hawaiian governing entity and, ultimately, the federal
27 recognition of Native Hawaiians"; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
 2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
 3 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of
 4 Elections is urged to amend the choice for self-declaration to
 5 allow the affiant to self-identify as "a person born within the
 6 geographic boundaries of what is currently the State of Hawai'i;
 7 and/or a descendant of any citizen of the Hawaiian Kingdom that
 8 the United States once recognized as a nation prior to 1893";
 9 and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Election
 Officer.

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