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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS TO CONDUCT AN ANALYSIS AND PROVIDE DATA ON THE NUMBER OF DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS BENEFICIARIES WHO HAVE APPLIED FOR AND NEED HOUSING IN EACH COUNTY, BY INCOME CLASSIFICATION AND UNIT TYPE.

1 WHEREAS, the United States Congress passed the Hawaiian
2 Homes Commission Act in 1921, which was authored by Prince Kuhio
3 Kalaniana'ole, and which dedicated 203,000 acres of land in
4 Hawaii to benefit native Hawaiians; and

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6 WHEREAS, the purpose of the Act was, and is, to restore the
7 cultural link between native Hawaiians and the land and to
8 provide native Hawaiians the stability, financial equity, and
9 economic self-sufficiency that comes from land and home
10 ownership; and

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12 WHEREAS, since the Act was signed into law almost one
13 hundred years ago, fewer than one hundred thousand homesteads
14 have been resettled and nearly twenty-eight thousand
15 beneficiaries remain on the waitlist; and

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17 WHEREAS, for the future of native Hawaiians and their
18 wellbeing, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands is mandated to
19 fulfill its purpose by providing housing for native Hawaiian
20 beneficiaries; and

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22 WHEREAS, in 2019 a study was conducted for the Hawaii
23 Housing Development Corporation of the housing need of Hawaii
24 residents by area median income (income classification),
25 preference for ownership or rental of housing (preferred
26 tenancy), and single- or multi-family unit (unit type) per
27 county (the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study); and

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29 WHEREAS, the study was conducted based on the housing need
30 of Hawaii residents, in general, and did not specifically



1 include the housing need of Hawaiian homes beneficiaries; now,
2 therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
5 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
6 Representatives concurring, that the Department of Hawaiian Home
7 Lands is requested to conduct an analysis and provide data on
8 the number of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries
9 who have applied for and need housing in each county, by income
10 classification and unit type; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data also include the
13 number of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands beneficiaries who
14 are not included in the data because they could not be contacted
15 or have never applied for a housing lease; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the data requested in this
18 measure be submitted to the Legislature in a form consistent
19 with Table 33 of the 2019 Hawaii Housing Planning Study no later
20 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
21 of 2021; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
25 Hawaiian Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees
26 of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, and Executive Director of the
27 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.
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OFFERED BY:



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