
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO CONVENE A BLUE RIBBON COMMISSION TO EXAMINE AND FORMULATE A RECONCILIATION PROCESS RELATING TO ISSUES OF PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE IMPORTANCE TO THE NATIVE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE, STATE OF HAWAII, AND UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

1 WHEREAS, before January 17, 1983, the United States of
2 America had a political, economic, cultural, and diplomatic
3 relationship with the Kingdom of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, more than one hundred twenty-seven years ago, on
6 January 17, 1893, the Kingdom of Hawaii was overthrown with the
7 participation of agents and citizens of the United States,
8 effectively shattering the relationship that had existed between
9 the Kingdom of Hawaii and the United States; and
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11 WHEREAS, in 1978, the State of Hawaii acknowledged the
12 consequences of these actions by significantly amending the
13 Hawaii State Constitution and enacting unprecedented legislation
14 relating to the Native Hawaiian community; and
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16 WHEREAS, in 1993, the 103rd Congress enacted Public Law
17 103-150, as, in part, an official apology to Native Hawaiians on
18 behalf of the people of the United States for both the overthrow
19 of the Kingdom of Hawaii by agents and citizens of the United
20 States and the deprivation of the rights of Native Hawaiians to
21 self-determination; and
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23 WHEREAS, after this apology, efforts to establish a
24 relationship of respect and trust between the Native Hawaiian
25 people, State of Hawaii, and federal government have met with
26 varying levels of success; and
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1 WHEREAS, there remains a pressing need to establish a new
2 relationship based on reconciliation and trust between the
3 Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii, and the United
4 States of America; and

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6 WHEREAS, establishing and engaging in a participatory and
7 meaningful process for reconciliation will ensure that issues of
8 importance to the Native Hawaiian people, the State of Hawaii,
9 and the United States are addressed; and

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11 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation that focuses on a
12 shared commitment to a positive future for the people of Hawaii
13 will enable the people of Hawaii to move respectfully into the
14 future; and

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16 WHEREAS, a process for reconciliation also will provide a
17 participatory and meaningful process of engagement to address
18 current discord related to Mauna Kea, including issues related
19 to land use and stewardship as well as the environment, economy,
20 culture, and science; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
24 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is requested to
25 convene a Blue Ribbon Commission to examine and establish a
26 reconciliation process relating to past, present, and future
27 issues of importance to the Native Hawaiian people, State of
28 Hawaii, and United States of America; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature requests that
31 any recommendations made by the Blue Ribbon Reconciliation
32 Commission achieve the objectives of:

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34 (1) Identifying processes that can be documented and
35 replicated; and
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37 (2) Proposing reconciliation measures that can be
38 implemented; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
41 appoint one or more interested and experienced individuals to



