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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING KAMEHAMEHA SCHOOLS TO CONSIDER THE PRACTICE OF LAND EXCHANGES TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOMESTEADS IN LOCATIONS THAT BETTER SERVE THE HAWAIIAN PEOPLE.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the Department of  
2 Hawaiian Home Lands has over 27,000 applicants on the waiting  
3 list for homestead leases; and  
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5           WHEREAS, eighty percent of all eligible applicants for  
6 homestead leases reject the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands'  
7 offer each year; and  
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9           WHEREAS, Native Hawaiians make up a significant portion of  
10 the homeless population in Hawaii and many of these individuals  
11 and families receive or are waiting to receive services from the  
12 State; and  
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14           WHEREAS, many Native Hawaiians choose not to apply for  
15 Hawaiian homestead leases because of the daunting size of the  
16 waiting lists, the slow rate at which people on the waiting  
17 lists receive leases, and the relative geographic isolation of  
18 the communities in which Hawaiian homestead leases are  
19 available; and  
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21           WHEREAS, many Native Hawaiians choose not to pursue  
22 homestead leases because they do not wish to live in areas  
23 without quality infrastructure such as roads, schools, and  
24 retail stores, which represent the majority of the areas in  
25 which homestead land is available; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands has been  
28 unable to significantly improve the housing rate for its  
29 beneficiaries in the past several decades, despite numerous  
30 major initiatives designed to improve placement efficiency; and



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1 WHEREAS, Kamehameha Schools is the third-largest landholder  
 2 in the State, behind only the state and federal governments in  
 3 terms of total acreage held; and  
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5 WHEREAS, due to public objections to development of a  
 6 number of its properties, Kamehameha Schools is inhibited in its  
 7 plans to develop its land portfolio which, in turn, limits the  
 8 capital resources available to Kamehameha Schools to fulfil its  
 9 mission of the education of the Hawaiian people according to the  
 10 will of Princess Bernice Pauahi Bishop; and  
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12 WHEREAS, for one such parcel of land in Hawaii Kai on Oahu,  
 13 located directly adjacent to Maunalua Bay, building permits have  
 14 been habitually blocked, thereby delaying Kamehameha Schools'  
 15 development plans for the property; and  
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17 WHEREAS, in contrast to much of the land available for  
 18 Hawaiian homestead leases, the Maunalua Bay property is in close  
 19 proximity to quality schools, well-maintained roads, medical  
 20 facilities, and a variety of retail options; now, therefore,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 23 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 24 Session of 2016, that Kamehameha Schools is encouraged to  
 25 consider a series of land exchanges with the Department of  
 26 Hawaiian Home Lands to trade properties that Kamehameha Schools  
 27 has been unable to develop for lands of equivalent value that  
 28 are currently held by the Department; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kamehameha Schools is  
 31 encouraged to consider the exchange of the Maunalua Bay property  
 32 as the first of its lands to be exchanged; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chair of the Hawaiian  
 36 Homes Commission, Chief Executive Officer of Kamehameha Schools,  
 37 and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of Kamehameha Schools.  
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