
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN HAWAII, AND THE COUNTIES TO STUDY THE USE OF TRAILER PARKS AS A POSSIBLE OPTION FOR SOLVING HAWAII'S HOMELESS AND AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has long been known for its lack of
2 affordable housing and for housing costs which are among the
3 highest, if not the highest, in the nation; and
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5 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the only options for residents are to
6 rent or own real property in the form of single- or multi-family
7 dwelling units; and
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9 WHEREAS, with monthly housing rentals in excess of \$2,000
10 and home sales prices in excess of \$500,000, the cost of renting
11 or owning a home in Hawaii far exceeds the ability of average
12 working families to pay these prices; and
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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii is already facing a severe homeless crisis,
15 and the sale of affordable housing projects, without reassurance
16 that the units will remain affordable, have many fearful that
17 the numbers of homeless will increase even further; and
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19 WHEREAS, development of land parcels for single- and multi-
20 family dwellings requires substantial site preparation work,
21 including streets, curbs and gutters, utility installations, and
22 dedication of offsite infrastructure, including parks and
23 schools, all of which may cost as much as \$200,000 per lot
24 without consideration of the cost of constructing the home
25 itself; and
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1 WHEREAS, in other localities, trailer parks provide an
2 intermediate level of housing between rentals and condominium or
3 homeownership, for households of low and moderate incomes; and
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5 WHEREAS, the cost of site preparation for a trailer park is
6 substantially less than that for residential developments,
7 requiring only the provision of utility connections to each
8 "pad" within a parcel of land, rather than the subdivision of
9 real property; and
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11 WHEREAS, trailer parks, when properly developed, can be
12 aesthetically pleasing as well as economical; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Public Housing
17 Administration in consultation with the Department of Land and
18 Natural Resources, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of
19 Hawaiian Affairs, each branch of service of the United States
20 Armed Forces in Hawaii, and the Planning Director of each
21 county, is requested to study the issue of trailer parks as one
22 possible solution for Hawaii's homeless and affordable housing
23 crisis; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to
26 consider adoption by ordinance of appropriate zoning and
27 building standards for allowing trailer parks as a permitted
28 land use; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the
31 Hawaii Public Housing Administration is requested to report its
32 findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than
33 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007;
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
38 of the Hawaii Public Housing Administration, Chairperson of the
39 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Hawaiian
40 Homes Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the
41 Office of Hawaiian Affairs, Planning Director of each county,
42 and the Commander of the United States Pacific Command, who in
43 turn is requested to transmit copies to the senior commanding
44 officer of each branch of the military services in Hawaii.

