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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING ADMINISTRATION, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS, THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS, THE UNITED STATES ARMED FORCES IN HAWAII, AND THE COUNTIES TO STUDY THE USE OF TRAILER PARKS AS A POSSIBLE OPTION FOR SOLVING HAWAII'S 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, development of land parcels for single- and multi-  
15 family dwellings requires substantial site preparation work,  
16 including streets, curbs and gutters, utility installations, and  
17 dedication of offsite infrastructure including parks and  
18 schools, all of which may cost as much as \$200,000 per lot  
19 without consideration of the cost of constructing the homes  
20 themselves; and

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22           WHEREAS, in other localities, trailer parks provide an  
23 intermediate level of housing between rentals and condominium or  
24 home ownership, for households of low and moderate incomes; and

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26           WHEREAS, the cost of site preparation for a trailer park is  
27 substantially less than that for residential developments,  
28 requiring only the provision of utility connections to each  
29 "pad" within a parcel of land, rather than the subdivision of  
30 real property; and



