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# HOUSE 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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27           WHEREAS, in other localities, trailer parks provide an  
28 intermediate level of housing between rentals and condominium or  
29 homeownership, for households of low and moderate incomes; and  
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1           WHEREAS, the cost of site preparation for a trailer park is  
2 substantially less than that for residential developments,  
3 requiring only the provision of utility connections to each  
4 "pad" within a parcel of land, rather than the subdivision of  
5 real property; and

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7           WHEREAS, trailer parks, when properly developed, can be  
8 aesthetically pleasing as well as economical; now, therefore,

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10           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2006, that the Hawaii Public Housing Administration in  
13 consultation with the Department of Land and Natural Resources,  
14 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Office of Hawaiian Affairs,  
15 each branch of service of the United States Armed Forces in  
16 Hawaii, and the Planning Director of each county, is requested  
17 to study the issue of trailer parks as one possible solution for  
18 Hawaii's homeless and affordable housing crisis; and

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20           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to  
21 consider adoption by ordinance of appropriate zoning and  
22 building standards for allowing trailer parks as a permitted  
23 land use; and

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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the  
26 Hawaii Public Housing Administration is requested to report its  
27 findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than  
28 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2007;  
29 and

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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the  
33 Hawaii Public Housing Administration, Chairperson of the Board  
34 of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes  
35 Commission, Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office  
36 of Hawaiian Affairs, Planning Director of each county, and the  
37 Commander of the United States Pacific Command, who in turn is  
38 requested to transmit copies to the senior commanding officer of  
39 each branch of the military services in Hawaii.

