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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT TO ASSIST IN THE PRIVATIZATION OF ITS PALOLO  
VALLEY HOMES PROJECT.

1           WHEREAS, the public housing project in Palolo Valley in  
2 east Honolulu has been comprised of both state-controlled units  
3 and federally controlled units; and  
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5           WHEREAS, through the 1980s and into the mid 1990s, many  
6 characteristics of neighborhood decline in the Palolo housing  
7 project were evident; and  
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9           WHEREAS, on March 4, 2002, the state-controlled public  
10 housing project in Palolo was privatized through the execution  
11 of a fifty-five-year lease with the Mutual Housing Association  
12 of Hawaii, Inc.; and  
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14           WHEREAS, in May 2004, the Mutual Housing Association of  
15 Hawaii, Inc. began investing \$13,500,000 in renovations to the  
16 three hundred six unit project, completing the renovation a year  
17 later, on time and on budget, with the support of the residents  
18 and the community; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the renovated Palolo housing project is now a  
21 thriving and vibrant community with many supportive social  
22 programs, including but not limited to: programs for high  
23 school equivalency courses; University of Hawaii courses; after  
24 school tutoring programs conducted by students and professors  
25 from the University of Hawaii, Kapiolani Community College, and  
26 Chaminade University; a neighborhood security watch program; a  
27 Food Bank distribution program; and art and cultural youth  
28 programs; and  
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30           WHEREAS, all this progress has come through the joint  
31 efforts of the residents, other community members and  
32 organizations, and the Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii,  
33 Inc.; and  
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1 WHEREAS, there remain one hundred eighteen units in the  
2 Palolo housing project that are controlled by the United States  
3 Department of Housing and Urban Development; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the residents in those latter units also want  
6 Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc. to assist them in the  
7 privatization and renovation of their units; and  
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9 WHEREAS, on September 29, 2004, these residents submitted a  
10 petition to the Housing and Community Development Corporation of  
11 Hawaii requesting its assistance in their efforts to privatize  
12 and renovate their units; 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, that the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
17 Development is requested to assist the residents of Palolo and  
18 Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc. to expedite the  
19 privatization and renovation of the one hundred eighteen units;  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Housing and Community  
23 Development Corporation of Hawaii or its successor agency, is  
24 requested to meet with and assist the residents of Palolo and  
25 Mutual Housing Association of Hawaii, Inc. in their efforts to  
26 work with the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
27 Development to privatize and renovate the remaining units in the  
28 Palolo Valley Homes project; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States  
32 Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Director of the  
33 Honolulu Field Office of the United States Department of Housing  
34 and Urban Development, the Governor, the Executive Director of  
35 the Housing and Community Development Corporation of Hawaii, or  
36 its successor agency, and the members of Hawaii's congressional  
37 delegation.  
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