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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE UNITED STATES NAVY PARTNER WITH THE STATE TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A PLAN TO UTILIZE DECOMMISSIONED NAVAL SHIPS AS SHELTERS FOR THE HOMELESS.

1           WHEREAS, the housing market in Hawaii continues to be one  
2 of the most expensive in the country for not only homeowners but  
3 renters as well; and  
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5           WHEREAS, providing decent, safe, and affordable housing for  
6 the people of our State appears to be a perpetual problem that  
7 seems to defy legislative action; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the inability of Hawaii's housing industry to keep  
10 pace with the need for affordable housing, especially for the  
11 poor, the elderly, and the homeless, has forced even more people  
12 onto the streets; and  
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14           WHEREAS, due to the acute affordable housing shortage that  
15 has forced more people to be homeless, suitable shelters for  
16 them have become a paramount concern; and  
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18           WHEREAS, unfortunately, many communities shun the placement  
19 of homeless facilities in their neighborhoods, leaving would-be  
20 providers of homeless shelters searching again and again for  
21 facilities that would not adversely impact an existing  
22 community; and  
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24           WHEREAS, the United States Navy currently possesses a  
25 number of decommissioned ships that are anchored at Waipio Point  
26 on the island of Oahu; and  
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28           WHEREAS, these ships could possibly be utilized as  
29 temporary homeless shelters that could provide homeless persons  
30 with the transitional shelter they need until they are able to  
31 find an affordable dwelling; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the ships, due to their inherent isolation,  
2 provide a natural security system for homeless persons and their  
3 belongings; and

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5 WHEREAS, since these ships are anchored offshore, the  
6 surrounding community will be minimally impacted; now,  
7 therefore,

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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
11 of 2006, that the United States Navy is requested to partner  
12 with the State of Hawaii in developing and implementing a plan  
13 to utilize decommissioned naval ships to shelter the homeless;  
14 and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
17 report to the Legislature not later than twenty days prior to  
18 the convening of the 2007 Regular Session on the actions taken  
19 by the State to implement this Resolution in partnership with  
20 the United States Navy; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
23 Resolution be transmitted the Commander-in-Chief of the United  
24 States Navy Pacific Fleet, the Governor, the Director of Human  
25 Services, the Executive Director of the Housing and Community  
26 Development Corporation of Hawaii, the Director of Health, and  
27 the Attorney General.

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