
SENATE CONCURRENT 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



1 "pad" within a parcel of land, rather than the subdivision of
2 real property; and

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4 WHEREAS, the cost of site preparation for a trailer park
5 could be as little as \$ per pad, which when added to the
6 \$ average cost of a mobile home, would result in a
7 delivered price of \$ per unit; and

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

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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Public
15 Housing Administration in consultation with the Department of
16 Land and Natural Resources, the Department of Hawaiian Home
17 Lands, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, each service of the
18 United States Armed Forces in Hawaii, and the Planning Director
19 of each county, is requested to study the issue of trailer parks
20 as one possible solution for Hawaii's affordable housing crisis;
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to
24 consider adoption by ordinance of appropriate zoning and
25 building standards for allowing trailer parks as a permitted
26 land use; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the
29 Hawaii Public Housing Administration is requested to report its
30 findings and recommendations to the Legislature not later than
31 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
32 2007; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
36 of the Hawaii Public Housing Administration, the Chairperson of
37 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the
38 Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Chairperson of the Board of
39 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Planning



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1 Director of each county, and the Commander of the United States
2 Pacific Command, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to
3 the senior commanding officer of each of the military services
4 in Hawaii.
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