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SENATE 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



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 2 WHEREAS, the cost of site preparation for a trailer park
 3 could be as little as \$ per pad, which when added to the
 4 \$ average cost of a mobile home, would result in a
 5 delivered price of \$ per unit; 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 Senate of the Twenty-third
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 12 that the Hawaii Public Housing Administration in consultation
 13 with the Department of Land and Natural Resources, the
 14 Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, the Office of Hawaiian
 15 Affairs, each 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 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 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 29 2007; 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, the Chairperson of the
 34 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Chairperson of the
 35 Hawaiian Homes Commission, the Chairperson of the Board of
 36 Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, the Planning
 37 Director of each county, and the Commander of the United States
 38 Pacific Command, who in turn is requested to transmit copies to
 39 the senior commanding officer of each of the military services
 40 in Hawaii.

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