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S.R. NO. 161

SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING SOCIAL EQUALITY FOR ALL OF HAWAII RESIDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, it is the fiduciary responsibility and moral duty
2 of the Hawaii State Legislature to provide for the general
3 welfare of State of Hawaii residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Hawaii State Legislature to
6 ensure the protection of all citizens, especially those from
7 disadvantaged and marginalized populations; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature realizes that many of
10 the social problems that are currently being addressed in
11 legislation including, but not limited to, affordable housing,
12 homelessness, and access to health care are caused by the
13 persistence of income, wealth, and social inequality in our
14 great State; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Hawaii State Legislature to
17 promote the economic well-being of its citizens while ensuring
18 that this wealth and prosperity is shared equally among all
19 Hawaii residents; and
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21 WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to attacking
22 fundamental root causes of these priority social problems such
23 as homelessness, affordable housing, and access to health care;
24 now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
28 that the Legislature recognizes its fiduciary role in providing
29 for the general welfare of all its citizens while working to
30 educate the Governor and the residents of Hawaii about the
31 detrimental effects of increased income, wealth, and social
32 inequality; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature will discuss
35 and address the impact that each bill has on the overall income,
36 wealth, and social inequality in our State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature will accept for
2 passage only those legislative actions that either minimize
3 income, wealth, and social inequality or have no material impact
4 on these inequalities to ensure that our great State of Hawaii
5 remains an enjoyable, affordable, and healthy place to live for
6 all of our residents; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of Hawaii
10 and to the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.
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