
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED UNITS AT KALIHI VALLEY HOMES FROM THE LIST OF STRUCTURES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION AND TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO RENOVATE THE BUILDINGS INSTEAD.

1 WHEREAS, the most recent estimate of the total number of
2 homeless persons in Hawaii is 6,029 on any given day; and
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4 WHEREAS, this number is a significant increase from the
5 last estimate in 1999, which was 3,171 on any given day; and
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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Homeless Point-in-Time Study of 2003,
8 from which these estimates are derived, found that approximately
9 4,107 of these homeless persons are unsheltered; and
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11 WHEREAS, this situation is indicative of the limited number
12 of shelter spaces available in the state; and
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14 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley contains the state's two largest
15 public housing projects, with over 4,000 individuals residing in
16 them; and
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley Homes first opened in 1953 and
19 needed major renovations by the mid-1990s; and
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21 WHEREAS, the demolition and disposition of public housing
22 is authorized under section 18 of the Housing Act of 1937, as
23 amended; and
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25 WHEREAS, 72 units at Kalihi Valley Homes are currently
26 scheduled for demolition by the United States Department of
27 Housing and Urban Development; and



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1 WHEREAS, renovating the existing units scheduled for
 2 demolition would help replenish the inventory of public housing
 3 more quickly than demolishing and reconstructing units
 4 elsewhere; and

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 6 WHEREAS, the sole reason that the 72 units are scheduled
 7 for demolition is to create more open space at Kalihi Valley
 8 Homes; and

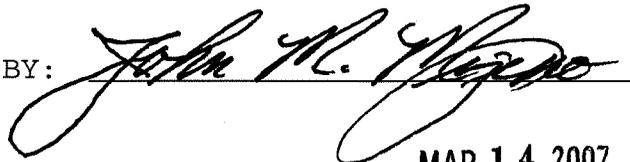
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 10 WHEREAS, given the high cost of demolition compared to the
 11 lower cost of renovations, these structurally sound units should
 12 be removed from the list of structures scheduled for demolition
 13 to make public housing more readily available to the homeless in
 14 Hawaii; now, therefore,

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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 17 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 18 Session of 2007, that the United States Department of Housing
 19 and Urban Development is urged to remove the 72 units at Kalihi
 20 Valley Homes from the list of structures scheduled for
 21 demolition and to work with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority
 22 to renovate the buildings instead; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States
 26 Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Interim
 27 Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and
 28 each member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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