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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED BUILDINGS AT KALIHI VALLEY
HOMES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION.

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 is a significant increase from the last
5 estimate in 1999 which was 3,171; 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 is indicative of the limited number of
12 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 four thousand individuals;
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley Homes was first opened in 1953 and
19 was in need of 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, seventy-two units at Kalihi Valley Homes are
26 currently scheduled for demolition by the United States
27 Department of Housing and Urban Development; and
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29 WHEREAS, renovating the existing units scheduled for
30 demolition would help replenish the public housing inventory
31 faster than demolition and reconstruction of units elsewhere;
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1 WHEREAS, the only reason the seventy-two units are
 2 scheduled for demolition is to create more open space at Kalihi
 3 Valley Homes; and

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 5 WHEREAS, given the high cost of demolition compared to the
 6 cost of renovations, these structurally sound units should be
 7 removed from the scheduled demolition to preserve available
 8 public housing for the homeless in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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 10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007,
 12 that the United States Department of Housing and Urban
 13 Development is urged to remove designated buildings at Kalihi
 14 Valley Homes from the list of structures scheduled for
 15 demolition and work with the Hawaii Public Housing Authority to
 16 renovate the units instead; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the United States
 20 Department of Housing and Urban Development, the Interim
 21 Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and
 22 each member of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.
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