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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION TO SUPPORT LEGISLATION  
SUPPORTING INCENTIVES FOR PUBLIC HOUSING TENANTS TO  
TRANSITION INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

1           WHEREAS, public housing is an affordable option for  
2 households with low income who cannot afford market rental  
3 housing prices; and

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5           WHEREAS, public housing should be a transitional option,  
6 rather than a permanent one; and

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8           WHEREAS, the waitlist for a public housing unit in Hawaii  
9 consists of several thousand people, and it can take several  
10 years before getting to the top of the list; and

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12           WHEREAS, while state public housing tenants undergo  
13 periodic income checks to determine if they remain eligible for  
14 public housing, federal housing tenants can continue to remain  
15 in the public housing unit even if their income increases above  
16 the eligibility level; and

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18           WHEREAS, for some tenants, living in public housing has  
19 become a permanent way of life, in part because there are few  
20 incentives to find permanent housing; and

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22           WHEREAS, a number of incentives could be implemented to  
23 encourage tenants to seek permanent or market rental housing,  
24 including savings programs where a portion of the tenant's rent  
25 is placed into an account for future use toward a home or market  
26 rental; and

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28           WHEREAS, additionally, the cap on the maximum rent amount  
29 could be increased, thereby requiring tenants with higher  
30 incomes to pay more in rent, particularly when rent is based on  
31 a percentage of the household income; and



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1 WHEREAS, rules relating to federal rental housing units  
 2 need to be changed to require tenants who exceed income limits  
 3 to find market rental or permanent housing, thereby allowing  
 4 someone in need of low-rent housing an opportunity to obtain a  
 5 unit; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 9 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature  
 10 urges Hawaii's Congressional Delegation to support legislation  
 11 supporting incentives for public housing tenants to transition  
 12 into permanent housing; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's Congressional  
 15 Delegation is also urged to support changes to federal rules to  
 16 require tenants exceeding income limits for federal public  
 17 housing units to find market rental or permanent housing; and

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

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