
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THAT REALTORS PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL
DESIGN.

1 WHEREAS, "universal design" is defined as the design of
2 products and environments to be usable by all people, to the
3 greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or
4 specialized design; and
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6 WHEREAS, universal design involves designing products
7 considering various factors, including but not limited to,
8 aesthetics, engineering options, environmental issues, industry
9 standards, safety concerns, and cost; and
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11 WHEREAS, the principles of universal design were developed
12 in 1997 at the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina
13 State University by a group that included architects, product
14 designers, engineers, and environmental design researchers; and
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16 WHEREAS, the principles of universal design are: (1)
17 equitable use, (2) flexibility in use, (3) simple and intuitive,
18 (4) perceptible information, (5) tolerance for error, (6) low
19 physical effort, and (7) size and space for approach and use;
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22 WHEREAS, in the field of real estate, universal design
23 includes the incorporation of such features as no step entries,
24 one-story living, wide doorways, wide hallways, and extra floor
25 space; and
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27 WHEREAS, the legislature finds that the principles of
28 universal design should be promoted within the field of real
29 estate marketing; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
33 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the National



1 Association of Home Builders is encouraged and requested to
2 promote the marketing of properties which incorporate the
3 principles of universal design into their design; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of
6 Home Builders, with technical assistance from the Disability and
7 Communication Access Board, is requested to develop standards
8 for determining whether a property incorporates universal design
9 principles into its design; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of
12 Home Builders is requested to designate a symbol, to be include
13 within their listing of a property, which would indicate whether
14 a property satisfied their standards for determining whether a
15 property has incorporated universal design principles into its
16 design; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the National Association of
19 Home Builders is requested to report to the Legislature
20 regarding the establishment of these standards and the
21 designation of a symbol not later than twenty days prior to the
22 convening of Regular Session of 2009; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the National Association
26 of Home Builders.
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