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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING REAL ESTATE DEVELOPERS, DESIGNERS, AND ARCHITECTS IN  
HAWAII TO INCORPORATE UNIVERSAL DESIGN PRINCIPLES INTO THE  
DESIGN OF THEIR REAL ESTATE PROJECTS.

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 which 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;  
20 and  
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22           WHEREAS, in the fields of real estate development and  
23 design, universal design includes the incorporation of such  
24 features as no step entries, one-story living, wide doorways,  
25 wide hallways, and extra floor space; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the legislature finds that developers and  
28 designers of real estate should be encouraged to incorporate the  
29 principles of universal design into their real estate projects  
30 in Hawaii; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 3 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that real estate  
 4 developers, designers, and architects in Hawaii are encouraged  
 5 and requested to incorporate the principles of universal design  
 6 into the design of their real estate projects; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii branch of the  
 10 American Institute of Architects.  
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