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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL  
AUDIT OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S PUNCHBOWL  
HOMES FACILITY.

1           WHEREAS, Punchbowl Homes is a state public housing facility  
2 administered by the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; and

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4           WHEREAS, numerous problems with facilities at Punchbowl  
5 Homes have recently been reported to the Hawaii Public Housing  
6 Authority; and

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8           WHEREAS, facility repair and maintenance problems at  
9 Punchbowl Homes include:

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11           (1) The back security door leading to the parking lot is  
12 continually broken and left unsecured, creating a  
13 security risk for tenants;

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15           (2) Elevators are in a continual state of disrepair  
16 affecting the mobility of residents;

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18           (3) The facility trash compactor is broken, causing an  
19 accumulation of trash that blocks the trash chute on  
20 all floors of the facility; and

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22           (4) The front entrance of the facility is not in  
23 compliance with the federal Americans with  
24 Disabilities Act and is inaccessible to residents who  
25 have mobility problems, forcing them to use the back  
26 entrance to reach the front of the building; and

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28           WHEREAS, the report also mentions that there are no  
29 accessible units in the facility that comply with the federal  
30 Americans with Disabilities Act; and

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1 WHEREAS, the State has an obligation and duty to provide  
2 public housing facilities that are properly maintained to ensure  
3 the safety and well-being of facility residents; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is  
8 requested to conduct a management and financial audit of the  
9 Hawaii Public Housing Authority's Punchbowl Homes facility and  
10 to investigate reports of disrepair, noncompliance with the  
11 Americans with Disabilities Act, and other concerns of residents  
12 at the facility; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to  
15 report findings and recommendations to the Legislature,  
16 including any necessary legislation, not later than twenty days  
17 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
21 Director of Human Services, the Director of the Hawaii Public  
22 Housing Authority, and the Auditor.  
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