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SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
33 that the Hawaii Association of Realtors are encouraged and
34 requested to promote the marketing of properties which
35 incorporate the principles of universal design into their
36 design; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of
 3 Realtors are requested to develop standards for determining
 4 whether a property incorporates universal design principles into
 5 its design; and

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 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of
 8 Realtors are requested to designate a symbol, to be include
 9 within their listing of a property, which would indicate whether
 10 a property satisfied their standards for determining whether a
 11 property has incorporated universal design principles into its
 12 design; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of
 15 Realtors are requested to report to the Legislature regarding
 16 the establishment of these standards and the designation of a
 17 symbol not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
 18 Regular Session of 2009; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 21 Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Association of Realtors.
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