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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO STREAMLINE THE  
EVICTION PROCESS TO CONFORM TO FEDERAL GUIDELINES.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA)  
2 current eviction process is cumbersome and time consuming, and  
3 HPHA's resources are limited and being depleted; and  
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5           WHEREAS, overdue rental collections amount to approximately  
6 \$1,200,000; and  
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8           WHEREAS, monthly rental rates for family housing are priced  
9 as follows: \$108 for a one-bedroom unit; \$128 for a two-bedroom  
10 unit; \$152 for a three-bedroom unit; \$180 for a four-bedroom  
11 unit; and \$212 for a five-bedroom unit; and  
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13           WHEREAS, HPHA needs to implement a streamlined process to  
14 evict residents who pose a danger to others, do not pay rent  
15 when due, or otherwise violate rules; and  
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17           WHEREAS, when a tenant has been delinquent in payment of  
18 rent, HPHA, either directly or through a managing agent,  
19 provides the tenant with a series of written notices and endures  
20 a series of waiting periods; and  
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22           WHEREAS, the current eviction process is lengthy and  
23 complex, and may result in delaying the eviction of residents  
24 who are not paying rent or whose behavior is disruptive or  
25 dangerous to other residents; and  
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27           WHEREAS, the eviction process should continue to provide  
28 due process and a fair hearing, while eliminating redundant  
29 notification and lengthy and repetitious waiting period  
30 requirements; and



1 WHEREAS, there are currently over 14,000 people on the  
 2 waiting list for public housing and it is imperative that the  
 3 limited number of public housing units be available to those who  
 4 need them most, and who will meet their responsibilities by  
 5 complying with necessary community rules and paying rent when  
 6 due; and

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 8 WHEREAS, the 2006 audit recommended that HPHA accept  
 9 working-poor individuals as tenants who are able to pay the rent  
 10 and refrain from accepting tenants who have criminal records and  
 11 bad rental payment histories; and

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 13 WHEREAS, section 356D-43, Hawaii Revised Statutes, mandates  
 14 that HPHA be self-sustaining with revenues to offset the cost of  
 15 administration, repairs, and new equipment; and

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 17 WHEREAS, under current procedures, the eviction process can  
 18 take up to seven months between the time a violation occurs to  
 19 the time of eviction; now, therefore,

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 21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 22 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 23 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that HPHA is urged to simplify  
 24 and streamline the eviction process to conform to federal  
 25 guidelines; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and  
 29 Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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