
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO INCLUDE THE KUKUI GARDENS AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECT IN THE STATE'S LIST OF SHOVEL-READY PROJECTS FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSED ECONOMIC STIMULUS PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, there is a lack of affordable housing in Hawaii,
2 and more than half of all renter households in the State cannot
3 afford Hawaii's fair market rental rates; and
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5 WHEREAS, Kukui Gardens is one of the State's largest
6 affordable housing projects, containing eight hundred fifty-
7 seven low-income housing units; and
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9 WHEREAS, for the last several years, the fate of Kukui
10 Gardens and its residents has been in limbo due to the sale of
11 the property from Kukui Gardens Corporation, a nonprofit
12 corporation, to Carmel Partners, a for-profit corporation, which
13 caused many of the complex's residents to fear that Kukui
14 Gardens would be torn down and replaced with market-rate
15 housing; and
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17 WHEREAS, in December 2007, a compromise was reached whereby
18 Carmel Partners agreed to sell half of Kukui Gardens to
19 Ecumenical Association for Housing, a nonprofit housing
20 corporation that agreed to preserve approximately four hundred
21 units as low-income housing and planned to build additional
22 units to replace the original units being converted into market-
23 rate housing by Carmel Partners; and
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25 WHEREAS, the economic crisis has made it difficult for
26 Ecumenical Association for Housing and other developers to find
27 investors to fund the purchase of Kukui Gardens; and
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29 WHEREAS, if investors or alternative sources of funding are
30 not secured, needed rehabilitation and the addition of more



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1 affordable units at Kukui Gardens may not be possible; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2009, the Senate concurring, the Legislature urges the
7 Governor to include Kukui Gardens in the State's list of shovel-
8 ready projects submitted for inclusion in the President of the
9 United States' proposed economic stimulus plan; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
13 State of Hawaii and to each member of Hawaii's congressional
14 delegation.

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