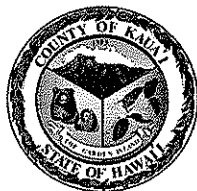


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**SUBJECT: Testimony Supporting SCR 117, Supporting the Building of Modular and Factory
Manufactured Homes in Hawaii**
Committee: EDH/TIA
Hearing: March 22, 2010 2:00PM Conference Room 225

Senate Concurrent Resolution SCR 117 resolves that the Hawai'i State Legislature support building modular and factory manufactured homes in Hawaii (not including trailer homes). The Kaua'i County Housing Agency supports this resolution.

Establishing a Hawai'i-based modular and factory manufactured homes industry would put another option in the toolbox for the construction of affordable housing in Hawai'i. If constructed to meet applicable local building and zoning codes, the industry may provide housing that could reduce costs, improve quality control, and shorten time to occupancy. If combined with panelized construction, shipping costs from factory to site could be controlled and design options expanded.

Local designs could be developed to address island lifestyles and preferences. Energy-efficient architecture appropriate to tropical environments could be incorporated into the design. Modular housing may also help Hawai'i recover faster from widespread hurricane, tsunami, or earthquake damage to housing, and may be built to be resistant to those forces of nature.

The construction of modular and factory built housing in Hawai'i would create manufacturing jobs and increase the skills of our workforce. Factory building would allow year round and all weather construction. On-site construction and assembly would still be required.

We support SCR 117. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

Sincerely,

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Comments:

I wish to testify in favor of this resolution. As we see the houseless problem grow, we need to find more affordable housing alternatives. This is one idea worth a try.