
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP AND
IMPLEMENT A SUSTAINABLE PLAN TO REPAIR ALL PUBLIC HOUSING
UNITS IN NEED OF MAINTENANCE.

1 WHEREAS, the current fiscal climate has resulted in high
2 unemployment rates, with many families losing income sources;
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5 WHEREAS, without viable sources of income, these families
6 have been unable to pay for housing costs, dramatically
7 increasing the homeless population and the need for reasonably-
8 priced public housing; and
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10 WHEREAS, even without the additional strain on the public
11 housing system caused by the economy, there is a significant
12 wait list for available public housing units; and
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14 WHEREAS, the availability of clean, safe, and decent
15 housing can play a vital role in an individual's emergence from
16 poverty; and
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18 WHEREAS, according to the January 2010 "State Occupancy
19 Report," only 24 of 364 vacant units were "rent ready" and
20 available for immediate occupancy; and
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22 WHEREAS, including those units that are currently occupied,
23 much of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's (HPHA) inventory
24 of affordable housing projects is nearly 60 years old and in a
25 state of disrepair and deterioration; and
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27 WHEREAS, the State's limited fiscal resources have been
28 compounding the problem of deteriorating public housing, as
29 cost-cutting efforts have resulted in both the acquisition of
30 minimal quality infrastructure and an inability to maintain that
31 infrastructure on an ongoing basis; and



1 WHEREAS, the most recent example of this is the deleterious
2 state of the hot water heating system at the Mayor Wright public
3 housing complex; and
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5 WHEREAS, HPHA's current five-year plan, approved by the
6 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,
7 includes provisions to improve tenant rent collection to allow
8 for more repair and renovation of existing public housing units;
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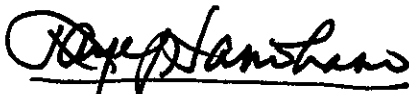
11 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that the HPHA Board, in
12 its efforts to provide lower income families with decent, safe,
13 and sanitary housing, has been actively exploring ways to
14 accomplish the renovation and repair of the State's public
15 housing inventory; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature urges the
20 Hawaii Public Housing Authority to develop and implement a
21 sustainable plan to repair all public housing units in need of
22 maintenance; and
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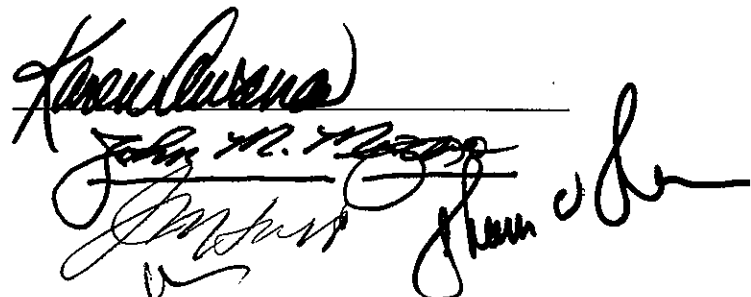
24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HPHA is urged to consider how
25 necessary renovations and maintenance may be undertaken at
26 reduced or no cost through collaboration with the Department of
27 Public Safety, the construction trades, and other relevant
28 entities; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that HPHA is requested to report to
31 the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of
32 the Regular Session of 2012 on the development and
33 implementation of the sustainable plan to repair all public
34 housing units in need of maintenance; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
38 Chairperson of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority Board of
39 Directors, and the Director of Public Safety.
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