
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION FOR
A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AND URGING THE UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO SELECT THE
HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS
GRANT RECIPIENT.

1 WHEREAS, many public housing projects owned and operated by
2 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority ("Authority") are in poor
3 physical condition and require repairs and modernization; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Authority has reported that as many as four
6 hundred to six hundred units cannot be rented out due to
7 uninhabitable conditions; and
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9 WHEREAS, during the 2010 federal inspections, eleven out of
10 the sixty-five federal public housing projects failed to pass,
11 receiving a score of fifty-nine or below out of a possible one
12 hundred, and approximately one-third of the Authority's federal
13 public housing projects received a score of sixty-nine or below;
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16 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban
17 Development's ("HUD") Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program
18 transforms distressed neighborhoods and public and assisted
19 projects into viable and sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods
20 by linking housing improvements with appropriate services,
21 schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs; and
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23 WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability for the Choice
24 Neighborhoods Grant Program was announced by HUD in January, and
25 the Authority is an eligible applicant; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature
30 supports the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's application for a



1 Choice Neighborhoods Grant and urges the United States
2 Department of Housing and Urban Development to select the Hawaii
3 Public Housing Authority as a Choice Neighborhoods Grant
4 recipient; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
7 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
8 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Chairperson of the Board
9 of Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the
10 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

