
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO INITIATE THE SPONSORSHIP PROCESS FOR THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT "STEP-UP" PROGRAM TO PROVIDE NEW EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING PROGRAMS FOR PUBLIC HOUSING RESIDENTS AND OTHER LOW-INCOME PEOPLE.

1 WHEREAS, residents residing in Hawaii Public Housing
2 Authority housing projects currently have very few job training
3 opportunities available to them that provide real economic,
4 long-term empowerment; and

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6 WHEREAS, "Step-Up" is a national program developed by the
7 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development in
8 cooperation with the federal United States Department of Labor
9 and the National Association of Housing and Redevelopment
10 Offices to provide jobs and job training opportunities on
11 Department of Housing and Urban Development assisted
12 construction to residents of public housing and other low-income
13 people; and

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15 WHEREAS, "Step-Up" has been authorized and used
16 successfully on the mainland for approximately twenty years, but
17 never implemented in Hawaii; and

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19 WHEREAS, public housing authorities are authorized to
20 sponsor "Step-Up" programs, which entail organizing and
21 administering all components of the program, and are encouraged
22 to work with local training providers, such as non-profits, who
23 know and administer workforce development and job training
24 programs; and

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26 WHEREAS, "Step-Up" participants can earn wages that are
27 excluded from income for rent determination purposes, and the
28 program provides real economic opportunities and upward wage
29 earning potential, thus enabling participants to graduate from



1 public housing to other permanent, unsubsidized housing options,
2 which in turn frees up units for those on waiting lists; and
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4 WHEREAS, there are currently over 10,000 individuals and
5 families on the waiting lists for public housing; now,
6 therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Public
11 Housing Authority is urged to initiate the sponsorship process
12 with the United States Department of Housing and Urban
13 Development, the United States Department of Labor, and the
14 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations to start a Hawaii
15 "Step-Up" program; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
19 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, the Director of Human
20 Services, the Field Office Director of the United States
21 Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Director of
22 Labor and Industrial Relations.
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