
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 United States Department of Labor and the
9 National Association of Housing and Redevelopment Offices to
10 provide jobs and job training opportunities on Department of
11 Housing and Urban Development assisted construction to residents
12 of public housing and other low-income people; and

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

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

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25 WHEREAS, "Step-Up" participants can earn wages that are
26 excluded from income for rent determination purposes, and the
27 program provides real economic opportunities and upward wage
28 earning potential, thus enabling participants to graduate from
29 public housing to other permanent, unsubsidized housing options,
30 which in turn frees up units for those on waiting lists; and



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