
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE GOVERNOR TO ISSUE AN EMERGENCY PROCLAMATION
DECLARING A STATEWIDE HOUSING CRISIS AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC
HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS,
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, AND
HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BUILD
SUSTAINABLE, MULTI-GENERATIONAL, MIXED INCOME, AND MIXED
USE HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, over the past several years, the issue of
2 affordable housing has been at the forefront of people's minds
3 due to rising home prices; and
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5 WHEREAS, rising housing costs are also associated with
6 increased homelessness or families at-risk of becoming homeless
7 and, according to the 2012 Homeless Service Utilization Report,
8 a total of 13,980 individuals statewide experienced homelessness
9 during the 2012 fiscal year and received shelter or outreach
10 services; furthermore, homeless service providers estimate that
11 six thousand homeless people in the State need shelter each
12 night; and
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14 WHEREAS, according to the 2011 Hawaii Housing Planning
15 Study, Hawaii has the lowest rate of homeownership in the
16 country, some of the highest crowding rates, and close to the
17 highest rate of homelessness; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Planning Study found that up to
20 50,000 new housing units will need to be built by 2016 to meet
21 the demand generated by changing demographics and economic
22 conditions of the State; and
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24 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii Public Housing Authority
25 annual report for fiscal year 2012, the Hawaii Public Housing
26 Authority's public housing stock still has extensive and growing
27 capital needs, currently estimated at \$462,000,000, that



1 continue to be underfunded by the United States Department of
2 Housing and Urban Development; and

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4 WHEREAS, affordable housing issues affect people of varying
5 income brackets; and

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7 WHEREAS, many households in the State are multi-
8 generational households, in which grandparents, parents, and
9 children live together; and

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11 WHEREAS, Hawaii is an island state with limited resources,
12 making it critical to encourage sustainable building design,
13 construction, and renovation in a manner that provides a
14 healthier environment, reduces operating costs, and conserves
15 energy and resources; and

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17 WHEREAS, mixed-use housing developments that combine
18 residential units with retail, office, and other commercial
19 space within a single building, help create walkable, robust
20 communities that limit sprawl and reduce transportation-related
21 energy costs; and

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23 WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have experienced success with
24 developing sustainable, multi-generational, mixed income, and
25 mixed use housing; and

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27 WHEREAS, pursuant to chapter 128, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
28 the Governor has broad emergency powers including the authority
29 to issue an emergency proclamation to declare a state emergency
30 when necessary to protect the public health, safety, and welfare
31 or when necessary to maintain the strength, resources, and
32 economic life of the community; now, therefore,

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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
35 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
36 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
37 encouraged to issue an emergency proclamation declaring a
38 statewide housing crisis and the Hawaii Public Housing
39 Authority, Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Hawaii Housing
40 Finance and Development Corporation, and Hawaii Community
41 Development Authority are encouraged to build sustainable,
42 multi-generational, mixed income, and mixed use housing; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive
3 Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Chairperson of
4 the Hawaiian Homes Commission, Executive Director of the Hawaii
5 Housing Finance and Development Corporation, and Executive
6 Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.
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