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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND COUNTIES OF
HAWAII, MAUI, AND KAUAI TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO
REVIEW AND OFFER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 53, HAWAII REVISED
STATUTES.

1 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law is codified as chapter 53,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law was originally enacted in
5 1949 for the purpose of securing federal financial assistance
6 for urban redevelopment projects through the creation of special
7 public bodies with extraordinary powers to undertake such
8 projects; and

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10 WHEREAS, numerous projects throughout the State have
11 utilized the Urban Renewal Law, including the Maui Redevelopment
12 Agency, Wailuku Redevelopment Plan, and Wailuku Redevelopment
13 Area in the County of Maui; and

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15 WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii is considering creating the
16 Banyan Drive Redevelopment Agency pursuant to section 53-2,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law has been amended several
20 times since it was enacted; and

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22 WHEREAS, further amendments to the Urban Renewal Law may be
23 necessary for chapter 53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to remain
24 consistent with other existing laws and the current state of
25 Hawaii's counties; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that a working group be
30 established consisting of the Director of Business, Economic



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1 Development, and Tourism; Director of Planning for the Counties
 2 of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; and Director of Planning and
 3 Permitting for the City and County of Honolulu; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 6 to review the application of chapter 53, Hawaii Revised
 7 Statutes, and offer amendments to the chapter; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
 10 to submit a report, including updated definitions and terms as
 11 relating to existing laws and programs, and an updated
 12 organizational framework of the counties since the introduction
 13 of chapter 53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Legislature no
 14 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
 15 Session of 2017; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 19 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
 20 Planning for the County of Hawaii; Director of Planning for the
 21 County of Maui; Director of Planning for the County of Kauai;
 22 and Director of Planning and Permitting for the City and County
 23 of Honolulu.
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