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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING APPROVAL FROM THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR  
A PROPOSED LOW-INCOME AND WORKFORCE HOUSING PROJECT LOCATED  
WITHIN THE FOOTPRINT OF A FEDERALLY-FUNDED INTERSTATE  
HIGHWAY.

1           WHEREAS, in 2016, almost 8,000 individuals experienced  
2 homelessness in Hawaii, according to Partners in Care's annual  
3 point in time survey; and  
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5           WHEREAS, while market rental rates in Hawaii are among the  
6 highest in the nation and overall cost of living is the highest,  
7 average household income in the State is among the lowest; and  
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9           WHEREAS, Hawaii's income to expense gap has consistently  
10 widened over the past 10 years as rents, particularly in  
11 Honolulu, have consistently risen faster than both wages and  
12 inflation; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the State's stock of affordable housing stock is  
15 insufficient to meet demand, especially for the lowest income  
16 households, for which affordable housing is available to less  
17 than one-third of households; and  
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19           WHEREAS, Housing First is a nationally recognized best  
20 practice proven to be the most effective and efficient approach  
21 to helping people experiencing chronic homelessness get and stay  
22 off the streets by immediately moving them from the streets or  
23 homeless shelters into their own apartments; and  
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25           WHEREAS, many county, state, and private interests are  
26 working together to find innovative solutions to homelessness  
27 and Hawaii's housing crisis that adhere to the Housing First  
28 model; and



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1           WHEREAS, one such initiative is a planned transitional  
2 housing pilot project on Oahu to be placed on land subject to  
3 the jurisdiction of the Federal Highway Administration, use of  
4 which requires one or more permits or approvals from the Federal  
5 Highway Administration; and

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7           WHEREAS, as part of the planning and preparation for the  
8 housing pilot project, the project developers will soon begin  
9 submitting preliminary applications for federal approval; now,  
10 therefore,

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12           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Federal Highway  
15 Administration is requested to timely process applications for  
16 permits and approvals necessary for the development of a  
17 transitional housing pilot project on land subject to Federal  
18 Highway Administration jurisdiction and timely approve  
19 applications that meet eligibility criteria; and

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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Division Director of  
23 the Western Federal Lands Highway Division of the Federal  
24 Highway Administration, Governor, Director of Transportation,  
25 and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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