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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO ESTABLISH AFFORDABLE HOUSING PRODUCTION  
GOALS AND BENCHMARKS TO MEASURE AND EVALUATE AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING DEVELOPMENT AND CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS.

1           WHEREAS, the State is currently in a housing crisis that  
2 will require an additional 64,700 housing units by 2025 to meet  
3 projected long-term housing demands and, of this amount, 22,247  
4 households of all income levels will require rental units; and  
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6           WHEREAS, in a report released by the Honolulu Board of  
7 Realtors on March 6, 2017, the median price for an existing  
8 single-family home reached a near-record high in February 2017,  
9 increasing by 7.9 percent over the last year to \$755,000; and  
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11           WHEREAS, the supply of available single-family housing in  
12 the market is not keeping up with the demand for such homes; and  
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14           WHEREAS, statistics on condominium and townhome sales,  
15 which have increased by 11.7 percent over the last year, show  
16 that families are opting for affordable alternatives to single-  
17 family houses; and  
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19           WHEREAS, addressing Hawaii's housing problem should be the  
20 State's number one priority, as it is one of the major reasons  
21 why Hawaii residents, especially young families, leave the  
22 State; and  
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24           WHEREAS, short-term fixes alone are no longer enough to  
25 address the housing crisis and a long-term plan that includes  
26 building more homes for low- to moderate-income households must  
27 be developed immediately; and



1 WHEREAS, having a long-term goal to work toward and to  
2 invite other parties to join in developing affordable housing  
3 units that the State desperately needs, will be best achieved by  
4 setting housing production goals and benchmarks to measure and  
5 evaluate progress; now, therefore,  
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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
9 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the State is urged to  
10 establish a statewide goal to develop 64,700 housing units for  
11 occupancy by December 31, 2026; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least 22,500 units should be  
14 affordable rental housing units, units that are rentals to low-  
15 or moderate-income families, ready for occupancy between January  
16 2, 2017, and December 31, 2026, pursuant to Act 127, Session  
17 Laws of Hawaii 2016; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining 42,200 affordable  
20 units may be rental or for-sale units; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and the Mayor of  
23 the City and County of Honolulu, along with their respective  
24 planning and permitting agencies, are urged to work together to  
25 establish production benchmarks and significantly increase the  
26 issuance of permits for the development of affordable housing  
27 within the urban core to achieve this goal; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
31 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and their respective  
32 planning and permitting agencies.

