
HOUSE 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 fifty-seven thousand affordable
3 housing units by 2025 in order to meet long-term housing
4 demands, particularly on Oahu; 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 with the demand for such
13 homes; and
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15 WHEREAS, statistics on condominium and townhome sales,
16 which have increased by 11.7 percent over the last year, show
17 that families are opting for affordable alternatives to single-
18 family houses; and
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20 WHEREAS, addressing Hawaii's housing problem should be the
21 State's number one priority, as it is one of the major reasons
22 why Hawaii residents, especially young families, leave the
23 State; and
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25 WHEREAS, short term fixes alone are no longer enough to
26 address the housing crisis and a long-term plan that includes
27 building more homes for low- to moderate-income households must
28 be developed immediately; and
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30 WHEREAS, having a long-term goal to work toward and to
31 invite other parties to join in developing affordable housing



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1 units that the State desperately needs, will be best achieved by
2 setting housing production goals and benchmarks to measure and
3 evaluate progress; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2017, urges the State to establish a statewide goal to
8 develop fifty-seven thousand affordable housing units for
9 occupancy by December 31, 2025; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least 22,500 units should be
12 rental units that are affordable to low- and moderate-income
13 households pursuant to Act 127, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining 34,500 affordable
16 units may be rental or for-sale units; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor of the State of
19 Hawaii and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, along
20 with their respective planning and permitting agencies, are
21 urged to work together to establish production benchmarks and
22 significantly increase the issuance of permits for the
23 development of affordable housing within the urban core to
24 achieve this goal; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the State of
28 Hawaii, the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and their
29 respective planning and permitting agencies.
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OFFERED BY:



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