
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 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
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29 WHEREAS, having a long-term goal to work toward and to
30 invite other parties to join in developing affordable housing
31 units that the State desperately needs, will be best achieved by



1 setting housing production goals and benchmarks to measure and
2 evaluate progress; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2017, that the State is urged to establish a statewide goal
7 to develop 64,700 housing units for occupancy by December 31,
8 2026; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that at least 22,500 units should be
11 affordable rental housing units, units that are rentals to low-
12 or moderate-income families, ready for occupancy between January
13 2, 2017, and December 31, 2026, pursuant to Act 127, Session
14 Laws of Hawaii 2016; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining 42,200 affordable
17 units may be rental or for-sale units; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and the Mayor of
20 the City and County of Honolulu, along with their respective
21 planning and permitting agencies, are urged to work together to
22 establish production benchmarks and significantly increase the
23 issuance of permits for the development of affordable housing
24 within the urban core to 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 and the Mayor of the
28 City and County of Honolulu, and their respective planning and
29 permitting agencies.

