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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT  
CORPORATION TO DEVELOP A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST  
LEVERAGE AVAILABLE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD  
AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing has been one of  
2 Hawaii's most significant and challenging social problems, with  
3 home prices and rental costs for Hawaii's residents continuing  
4 to escalate; and

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6 WHEREAS, a shortage of affordable workforce housing  
7 compounds the problem with traffic congestion, as growing  
8 numbers of families are unable to find reasonably priced housing  
9 near their workplaces; and

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11 WHEREAS, increased construction of affordable workforce  
12 housing supports the goals of the counties and the State to  
13 address Hawaii's affordable housing crisis; and

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15 WHEREAS, the counties and the State both have  
16 administrative and funding resources through which they are able  
17 to develop, or encourage the development of, affordable  
18 workforce housing; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
21 Corporation is a statewide agency tasked with developing  
22 affordable housing and has the proven record and resources in  
23 the planning, development, construction, and financing of  
24 affordable housing, as well as the existing relationships needed  
25 to engage in public-private partnerships to build more  
26 affordable housing; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
29 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the  
30 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing  
31 Finance and Development Corporation is requested to develop a



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1 collaborative plan to best leverage the various affordable  
 2 housing funds of the State and each county to build affordable  
 3 housing projects; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
 6 Development Corporation is requested to work with the  
 7 appropriate government agencies to identify and fund the  
 8 necessary infrastructure improvements needed for the  
 9 construction of affordable housing projects; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
 12 Development Corporation is requested to examine the potential of  
 13 a unified affordable housing approval process to streamline the  
 14 regulatory requirements for building affordable housing projects  
 15 on all islands in the State; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive  
 19 Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
 20 Corporation, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Community  
 21 Development Authority, and Mayor of each county.  
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