
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST
LEVERAGE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PROJECTS AND AN EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF
TRANSFERRING A PARCEL OF LAND IN KAHULUI, MAUI, TO THE
HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

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 have administrative and
16 funding resources through which they are able to develop or
17 encourage the development of affordable workforce housing; and

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

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27 WHEREAS, identification and transfer of underutilized or
28 state-owned and county-owned lands for the benefit of or to the
29 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for building



1 mixed-use affordable housing projects facilitate the development
2 and implementation of a collaborative affordable housing plan;
3 now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing
8 Finance and Development Corporation is requested to develop a
9 collaborative plan to best leverage the various affordable
10 housing funds of the State and each county to build affordable
11 housing projects; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
14 Development Corporation is requested to work with the
15 appropriate government agencies to identify and fund the
16 necessary infrastructure improvements needed for the
17 construction of affordable housing projects; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
20 Development Corporation, Department of Accounting and General
21 Services, and County of Maui are requested to work together to:
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23 (1) Explore the feasibility of transferring a parcel of
24 land located at 153 West Kaahumanu Avenue, Kahului,
25 Hawaii, identified as tax map key number 370040030000,
26 to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
27 Corporation for the purpose of developing a mixed-use
28 rental housing project that includes consideration of
29 the Department of Accounting and General Services
30 Civic Center needs in Kahului and Wailuku, Hawaii; and
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32 (2) Enter into a memorandum of understanding, if
33 appropriate, to execute the transfer; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
36 Development Corporation is requested to examine the potential of
37 a unified affordable housing approval process to streamline the
38 regulatory requirements for building affordable housing projects
39 on all islands in the State; and
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive



- 1 Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
- 2 Corporation, Comptroller, Interim Executive Director of the
- 3 Hawaii Community Development Authority, Mayor of each county,
- 4 and Chairperson of each county council.

