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# SENATE 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  
30 mixed-use affordable housing projects facilitate the development



1 and implementation of a collaborative affordable housing plan;  
2 now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017,  
6 that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is  
7 requested to develop a collaborative plan to best leverage the  
8 various affordable housing funds of the State and each county to  
9 build 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 work with the  
13 appropriate government agencies to identify and fund the  
14 necessary infrastructure improvements needed for the  
15 construction of affordable housing projects; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
18 Development Corporation, Department of Accounting and General  
19 Services, and County of Maui are requested to work together to:

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21 (1) Explore the feasibility of transferring a parcel of  
22 land located at 153 West Kaahumanu Avenue, Kahului,  
23 Hawaii, identified as tax map key number 370040030000,  
24 to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
25 Corporation for the purpose of developing a mixed-use  
26 rental housing project that includes consideration of  
27 the Department of Accounting and General Services  
28 Civic Center needs in Kahului and Wailuku, Hawaii; and

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30 (2) Enter into a memorandum of understanding, if  
31 appropriate, to execute the transfer; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
34 Development Corporation is requested to examine the potential of  
35 a unified affordable housing approval process to streamline the  
36 regulatory requirements for building affordable housing projects  
37 on all islands in the State; and

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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
40 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive Director of  
41 the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation,  
42 Comptroller, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Community



- 1 Development Authority, Mayor of each county, and Chairperson of
- 2 each county council.

