
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE INCLUDING THE NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE TO INCREASE ON-BASE HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR ACTIVE-DUTY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS TO ALLEVIATE HAWAII'S HOUSING CRISIS.

1 WHEREAS, an affordable housing shortage and an increasing
2 homeless population are among the most pressing challenges to
3 the State of Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique strategic position in the Pacific
6 Ocean has led to one of the largest concentrations of United
7 States military forces in the country, as there are
8 approximately seventy thousand military personnel assigned to
9 eleven military installations throughout Hawaii; and
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11 WHEREAS, the large number of assigned military personnel to
12 Hawaii results in competition among local civilian residents for
13 limited housing in Hawaii; and
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15 WHEREAS, Hawaii's high cost of living and housing scarcity
16 has resulted in a disproportionately high number of multi-
17 generational households; and
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19 WHEREAS, homeless encampments in the State are increasing,
20 despite significant action by state and county government in the
21 form of emergency homeless shelters, temporary housing, and
22 affordable housing initiatives; and
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24 WHEREAS, a major contributing factor to high rent and
25 homelessness is the limited supply and greatly increased demand
26 for housing by active-duty military personnel and dependents;
27 now, therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 3 2019, that the United States Secretary of Defense, and the
 4 Service Secretaries of the Navy, Army, and Air Force, are
 5 requested to increase on-base housing availability for active-
 6 duty personnel and their dependents to alleviate Hawaii's
 7 housing crisis which results, in part, from competition with
 8 local civilian residents for rental properties; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commanders of Pearl Harbor
 11 Naval Base, Hickam Air Force Base, Schofield Barracks, and other
 12 military bases are requested to encourage active-duty personnel
 13 who are living in the community to consider on-base housing as a
 14 first priority, as is feasible or practical; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense; Under
 18 Secretary of Defense for Policy; Deputy Assistant Secretary of
 19 Defense for Military Community and Family Policy; Assistant
 20 Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations and Environment;
 21 all Service Secretaries of the United States Armed Forces; and
 22 the Commander of United States Indo-Pacific Command.
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