
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING
PERMITTING AND TO CONDUCT A STUDY OF COUNTY ORDINANCES ON
HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is experiencing an unprecedented housing
2 shortage, which has resulted in insufficient affordable housing
3 for the State's residents; and

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5 WHEREAS, in 2020, Continuums of Care reported that over six
6 thousand residents of Hawai'i, including nearly five hundred
7 families, were experiencing homelessness; and

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9 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Department of Business, Economic
10 Development, and Tourism issued a report estimating that the
11 State could need an additional forty-six thousand new housing
12 units between 2020 and 2030; and

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14 WHEREAS, to meet Hawai'i's demand for new housing units,
15 additional affordable housing developments will be necessary;
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18 WHEREAS, any solution to the State's housing crisis
19 requires the adoption, application, and enforcement of policies
20 that address county-level barriers to housing finance and
21 development; and

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23 WHEREAS, additional information on the effect of county
24 ordinances on the operations of the Hawaii Housing Finance and
25 Development Corporation is necessary to promote greater access
26 to affordable housing; and

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28 WHEREAS, the permitting processes for affordable housing
29 developments differ among the agencies and departments with
30 jurisdiction over affordable housing development; and
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1 WHEREAS, the lack of consistency and coordination among the
2 State's agencies and departments on affordable housing permits
3 contributes to Hawai'i's housing shortage by increasing
4 inefficiencies in the development of new affordable housing
5 units; now, therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
8 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022,
9 that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is
10 requested to convene a task force to review the permitting
11 process for affordable housing for each applicable state agency
12 and department having jurisdiction over affordable housing
13 development; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
16 include one member from each state agency and department
17 responsible for the development of affordable housing,
18 including:

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20 (1) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
21 and Development Corporation, or the Executive
22 Director's designee;
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24 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
25 Authority, or the Executive Director's designee;
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27 (3) The director of the affordable housing development
28 agency, office, or department of each county, or the
29 director's designee; and
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31 (4) The Chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, or the
32 Chair's designee; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
35 Development Corporation is requested to conduct a study of the
36 effect of each county's ordinances on housing finance and
37 development on its existing and future inventory of rental and
38 for-sale housing units; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to
41 address the following issues:
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1 (1) The effect of county ordinances on the Hawaii Housing
2 Finance and Development Corporation operations under
3 chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
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5 (2) Amendments to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 that would allow for increased development of housing
7 where at least sixty percent of the units are priced
8 as affordable; and
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10 (3) Other topics as necessary to identify county-level
11 barriers to housing finance and development; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
14 Development Corporation is requested to submit a report of its
15 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
16 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
17 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
20 Development Corporation is requested to include in its report to
21 the Legislature recommendations on any options available to
22 streamline the permitting process for affordable housing
23 development; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
27 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Executive
28 Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, mayor of each
29 county, and Chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable.

