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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF REDEVELOPING CERTAIN UNIVERSITY LANDS ADJACENT TO THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA CAMPUS INTO WORKFORCE HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
2 and Tourism estimates that Hawaii will need approximately
3 twenty-six thousand to forty-seven thousand new housing units
4 before 2030 to address the State's critical housing shortage;
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7 WHEREAS, because demand for new housing continues to grow
8 more rapidly than the housing supply, the failure to increase
9 the inventory of workforce housing units will result in the
10 housing shortage worsening each passing year; and
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12 WHEREAS, if the State fails to address this housing crisis,
13 more residents will be forced to move away from Hawaii to obtain
14 housing they can afford; and
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16 WHEREAS, state agencies may help to address the housing
17 crisis by developing affordable housing, including workforce
18 housing, on suitable lands that the agencies are planning to
19 redevelop; and
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21 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has initiated the early
22 stages of planning to redevelop some of its lands, including Tax
23 Map Key (TMK) (1) 2-8-015:001, which is adjacent to the
24 University of Hawaii at Manoa campus and is where the College of
25 Education is currently located; and
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27 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has stated that its plans
28 for TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 include demolishing a building
29 previously used by PBS Hawaii and relocating the College of
30 Education--both for which the Legislature has previously
31 appropriated funds; and
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1 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii has also announced plans
2 to eventually relocate the University of Hawaii Childcare Center
3 from TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 to a different location; and

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5 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii's plans to repurpose
6 TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 should include the development of workforce
7 housing, which would help to address the housing needs of the
8 community, increase amenities for the surrounding properties,
9 and enhance the surrounding neighborhood; and

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11 WHEREAS, providing concepts and plans to the public as
12 early as possible would be helpful and useful to University of
13 Hawaii programs and organizations that currently utilize
14 TMK (1) 2-8-015:001, as well as surrounding properties; now,
15 therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
18 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
19 that the University of Hawaii is requested to study the
20 feasibility of redeveloping lands situated at
21 TMK (1) 2-8-015:001 into workforce housing and other university-
22 affiliated uses; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
25 requested to include in the study a conceptual development plan
26 that may include a market study to redevelop the parcel, along
27 with the steps needed for the development; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
30 requested to submit a report of its findings and
31 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, on the
32 feasibility study to the Legislature no later than twenty days
33 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of
3 Hawaii, Provost of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Vice
4 President for Administration of the University of Hawaii System,
5 and Vice President of Budget and Finance and Chief Financial
6 Officer of the University of Hawaii System.

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