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December 18, 2023

Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker State of Hawaii State Capitol, Room 431 Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of Resolution No. 23-245, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on December 15, 2023.

Respectfully,

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 23-245

URGING THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII AND THE MAYOR OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI TO PERMIT THE USE OF MODULAR HOUSING FOR TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT HOUSING

WHEREAS, on August 8, 2023, Maui County experienced a horrific disaster in the form of wildfires that consumed a significant portion of the County's existing housing inventory; and

WHEREAS, prompted by the wildfires, the Maui County Council's Housing and Land Use ("HLU") Committee has heard, to date, from two potential providers of modular housing units who attest that modular housing units can be provided at substantial cost savings compared to traditional site-built, or stick-built, housing; and

WHEREAS, at least one modular housing provider has indicated that it may be possible to manufacture modular housing units in the State; and

WHEREAS, while modular housing units have been around for a number of years, their use is not common within the County or the State; and

WHEREAS, modular housing providers have also said that modular housing units can be quickly "stood up" in response to the overwhelming need for housing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

- 1. That it urges the Governor of the State of Hawaii and the Mayor of the County of Maui to permit the use of modular housing for temporary and permanent housing;
- 2. That it expresses support for the use of modular housing units that meet the needs of our residents and have received approval from applicable review agencies such as the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development;

- 3. That it encourages the removal of obstacles that would allow modular housing units to address the State and County's dire need for temporary and permanent housing; and
- 4. That certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Josh Green, M.D., Governor, State of Hawaii: the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, Senate President, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker of the House, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Lynn DeCoite, Senator, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Troy N. Hashimoto, Senator, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Angus L.K. McKelvey, Senator, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Terez Amato, Representative, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Elle Cochran, Representative, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Mahina Poepoe, Representative, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Justin H. Woodson, Representative, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Kyle T. Yamashita, Representative, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Mitch Roth, Mayor, County of Hawaii; the Honorable Heather Kimball, Council Chair, County of Hawaii; the Honorable Rick Blangiardi, Mayor, City and County of Honolulu; the Honorable Tommy Waters, Council Chair, City and County of Honolulu; the Honorable Derek S.K. Kawakami, Mayor, County of Kauai; the Honorable Mel Rapozo, Council Chair, County of Kauai; Nahelani Parsons, Executive Director, Hawaii State Association of Counties; and the Honorable Richard T. Bissen, Jr., Mayor, County of Maui.

INTRODUCED BY:

TASHA KAMA

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is HEREBY CERTIFIED that RESOLUTION NO. 23-245 was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 15th day of December, 2023, by the following vote:

MEMBERS	Alice L. LEE Chair	Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA Vice-Chair	Tom COOK	Gabriel JOHNSON	Natalie A. KAMA	Tamara A. M. PALTIN	Keani N. W. RAWLINS- FERNANDEZ	Shane M. SINENCI	Nohelani U'U-HODG!NS
ROLL CALL	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Aye	Excused	Aye	Aye	Aye

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