
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF MILITARY HOUSING IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Governor has identified the State's chronic
2 shortage of affordable housing as the number one economic threat
3 to Hawaii's families; and
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5 WHEREAS, an estimated twenty-four thousand additional
6 housing units are needed to meet the State's current affordable
7 housing demands; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii hosts more than two hundred fifty thousand
10 military or military-affiliated personnel and their families,
11 including more than forty-four thousand active duty members,
12 twenty thousand civilians, forty-five thousand dependents, and
13 eighteen thousand retirees; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense makes rental housing
16 units available for all active duty military members and
17 eligible military-affiliated civilians, including some
18 Department of Defense employees, civil service employees, and
19 military retirees; and
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21 WHEREAS, rising rent prices are making military housing
22 increasingly unaffordable for civilian tenants who do not
23 receive a basic housing allowance; and
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25 WHEREAS, in 2023, rent prices increased by as much as
26 \$1,250 per month for some civilian tenants of military housing;
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29 WHEREAS, civilian tenants who can no longer afford military
30 housing may seek to rent privately owned housing, further
31 exacerbating the State's affordable housing shortage; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State would benefit from receiving annual data
2 on the availability and affordability of military housing, to
3 more fully assess Hawaii's current and future needs for
4 affordable housing; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
7 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
8 Session of 2024, that the United States Department of Defense is
9 requested to provide a report to the Legislature no later than
10 twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session,
11 beginning with the Regular Session of 2025, on the availability
12 and affordability of military housing in Hawaii, including:

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14 (1) The total number of vacant military housing units;
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16 (2) The total number of occupied military housing units;
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18 (3) The number of families, if any, on waiting lists for
19 military housing;
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21 (4) The number of military housing units occupied by
22 civilian tenants, including Department of Defense
23 employees, civil service employees, and military
24 retirees;
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26 (5) Any changes in rent prices of military housing units
27 for the preceding year; and
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29 (6) The number of tenants who declined to renew their
30 lease in the preceding year, for reasons other than a
31 permanent change of duty station; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, Under
35 Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant Secretary of
36 Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, United States
37 Army Pacific Commanding General, United States Navy Pacific
38 Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces Commander,



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1 United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander, and United
2 States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander.

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