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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS OR ESTABLISH VARIANCE PROCEDURES FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND USE EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY.

1           WHEREAS, setback requirements, which mandate minimum  
2 distances between structures and property lines, are established  
3 to ensure safety, privacy, and aesthetic standards in urban  
4 planning; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State is committed to optimizing the use of  
7 public lands to serve the community effectively; and

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9           WHEREAS, strict adherence to uniform setback requirements  
10 may limit the State's ability to develop or renovate public  
11 buildings and facilities in a manner that maximizes land use  
12 efficiency; and

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14           WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have implemented flexible  
15 setback policies or granted variances to accommodate the unique  
16 needs of public buildings, thereby promoting greater density and  
17 more efficient use of public resources; and

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19           WHEREAS, this flexibility can lead to improved public  
20 service delivery by allowing state facilities to be more  
21 appropriately sized and located; now, therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
25 that the counties are requested to adopt flexible setback  
26 requirements or establish variance procedures for state  
27 buildings and facilities to enhance land use efficiency and  
28 public service delivery; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors and Chairpersons of the



- 1 County Councils of the Counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and
- 2 the City and County of Honolulu.

