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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DETERMINE CURRENT INFORMATION ON AFFORDABLE HOUSING, REVIEW PAST DATA, AND UPDATE PROJECTIONS FOR FUTURE NEEDS.

1 WHEREAS, in January 2006, the Joint Legislative Housing and  
2 Homeless Task Force, established pursuant to Act 196, Session  
3 Laws of Hawaii 2005, submitted its report on Hawaii's Housing  
4 and Homelessness Crisis; and

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6 WHEREAS, at that time, the Task Force noted that  
7 approximately thirty-two per cent of the State's more than  
8 400,000 households pay in excess of thirty per cent of their  
9 income for shelter, with higher ratios for renters and for  
10 households that have resided in their units for less than six  
11 years; and

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13 WHEREAS, the Task Force Report further noted that  
14 low-income households are particularly burdened by inadequate  
15 housing inventory and escalating rental costs, and the  
16 "affordability gap" is increasing over time; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Task Force projected that an estimated 44,190  
19 new housing units (32,580 on Oahu alone) would be needed during  
20 the 2005-2009 period statewide to satisfy pent-up demand and  
21 anticipated new household formation, of which 21,890 units  
22 (15,590 on Oahu alone) are projected to be needed for households  
23 with less than eighty per cent of median income; and

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25 WHEREAS, in 2009, affordable housing remains in short  
26 supply, with Hawaii residents facing dual additional burdens of  
27 a declining economy and rising unemployment rates; and

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29 WHEREAS, affordable housing encompasses a range of prices,  
30 and the definition of "affordable housing" is to some extent  
31 dependent on the income of the buyer or renter; and  
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1 WHEREAS, while information on income is available, an  
2 accurate affordable housing inventory is a rough estimate; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's affordable housing inventory includes  
5 federal and state housing, as well as rental, transitional, and  
6 for-sale units; and  
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8 WHEREAS, meeting the demand of those who qualify for  
9 affordable housing depends on an accurate inventory of present  
10 needs, past trends, and short- and long-term future projections;  
11 now, therefore,  
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13 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
14 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the  
15 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing  
16 Finance and Development Corporation and the Hawaii Public  
17 Housing Authority are requested to:  
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- 19 (1) Compile current information on federal, state, rental,  
20 transitional, and for-sale affordable housing on a  
21 county-by-county basis;  
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- 23 (2) Review affordable housing data for the past three  
24 years on a county-by-county basis;  
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- 26 (3) Review the results of the Joint Legislative Housing  
27 and Homeless Task Force Proposed Five-Year Plan to  
28 provide a substantial number of additional affordable  
29 housing units for working families and moderate-income  
30 families and the recommendations of the Task Force to  
31 accomplish this goal; and  
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- 33 (4) Review and update any projections for affordable  
34 housing needs, on a county-by-county basis through  
35 2013; and  
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
38 Development Corporation and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority  
39 are requested to report their findings and recommendations to  
40 the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening  
41 of the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
44 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director



1 of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation and  
2 the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.  
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