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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO HIRE CONSULTANTS TO REVIEW ALL STATE AND COUNTY LAND USE PRACTICES AND DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS TO REDUCE URBAN SPRAWL AND PROPERLY DEVELOP URBAN CORES.

1           WHEREAS, in the last twenty years the State has developed  
2 nearly 3,300 acres of prime farmland, increasing the price of  
3 remaining land and creating financial hardships for farmers; and  
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5           WHEREAS, article XI, section 3, of the Hawaii State  
6 Constitution requires the State to conserve and protect  
7 agricultural lands and increase self-sufficiency and directs the  
8 Legislature to provide standards and criteria to meet these  
9 requirements; and  
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11           WHEREAS, there is widespread support for the idea that the  
12 State should become less reliant on cars and more reliant on  
13 locally grown food and energy; and  
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15           WHEREAS, Hawaii residents have voted to build a mass  
16 transit system to take cars off the road and focus growth around  
17 transit centers; and  
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19           WHEREAS, on the island of Oahu, up to 4,000 new households  
20 are created each year which requires the building of 100,000 new  
21 homes over the next twenty-five years; and  
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23           WHEREAS, to prevent urban sprawl from destroying our  
24 agricultural lands, a viable option would be to focus growth  
25 along the transit corridors; and  
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27           WHEREAS, changes in state and county land use practices  
28 need to be implemented to plan for the proper population growth;  
29 otherwise, new housing supply will decrease and island-wide  
30 prices will increase; and  
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1 WHEREAS, it costs approximately \$300,000 to subsidize one  
2 affordable rental unit, which, multiplied by the state shortage  
3 of 10,000 units, requires \$3,000,000,000 of taxpayer subsidy and  
4 provides no solution to the affordable housing shortage or  
5 expansion of urban sprawl; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning gathers, analyzes, and  
8 provides information to the Governor to assist in the overall  
9 analysis and formulation of state policies and strategies to  
10 address current or emerging issues; and

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12 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning engages in land use  
13 planning by representing the State before the Land Use  
14 Commission, assisting state agencies on land use district  
15 boundary amendments, and reviewing the classification and  
16 districting of all state lands; and

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18 WHEREAS, consultants with expertise on state and county  
19 land use issues are needed to review all existing land use  
20 practices, including statutes, ordinances, permitting,  
21 development application processes, and environmental  
22 infrastructure, to effectively provide the necessary information  
23 and recommendations required to plan for the reduction of urban  
24 sprawl and proper development and redevelopment to accommodate  
25 population growth; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning  
30 is requested to use funds in its existing budget to hire  
31 consultants to review all state and county land use practices  
32 and develop recommendations to reduce urban sprawl and properly  
33 develop urban cores; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is  
36 requested to submit a report of the findings and recommendations  
37 of the consultants, including any proposed legislation, to the  
38 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
39 the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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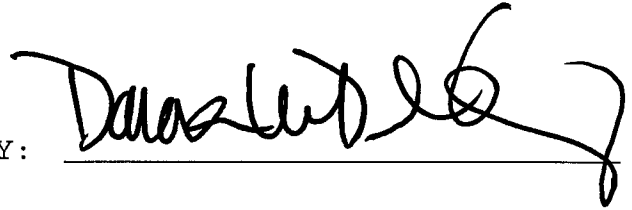


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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
3 of the Office of Planning, and Chairperson of the Land Use  
4 Commission.

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