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# SENATE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S APPLICATION FOR A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT AND URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO SELECT THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY AS A CHOICE NEIGHBORHOODS GRANT RECIPIENT.

1 WHEREAS, many public housing projects owned and operated by  
2 the Hawaii Public Housing Authority ("Authority") are in poor  
3 physical condition and require repairs and modernization; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Authority has reported that as many as four  
6 hundred to six hundred units cannot be rented out due to  
7 uninhabitable conditions; and  
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9 WHEREAS, during the 2010 federal inspections, eleven out of  
10 the sixty-five federal public housing projects failed to pass,  
11 receiving a score of fifty-nine or below out of a possible one  
12 hundred, and approximately one-third of the Authority's federal  
13 public housing projects received a score of sixty-nine or below;  
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16 WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
17 Development's ("HUD") Choice Neighborhoods Grant Program  
18 transforms distressed neighborhoods and public and assisted  
19 projects into viable and sustainable mixed-income neighborhoods  
20 by linking housing improvements with appropriate services,  
21 schools, public assets, transportation, and access to jobs; and  
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23 WHEREAS, a notice of funding availability for the Choice  
24 Neighborhoods Grant Program was announced by HUD in January, and  
25 the Authority is an eligible applicant; 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,  
29 that the Legislature supports the Hawaii Public Housing  
30 Authority's application for a Choice Neighborhoods Grant and  
31 urges the United States Department of Housing and Urban  
32 Development to select the Hawaii Public Housing Authority as a  
33 Choice Neighborhoods Grant recipient; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
3 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the  
4 Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Chairperson of the Board of  
5 Directors of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the United  
6 States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

