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S.R. NO. 61

SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT AUDIT OF THE HAWAII
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature established the Hawaii Community
2 Development Authority in 1976 as a public entity to determine
3 community development programs and--in cooperation with private
4 enterprise and federal, state, and county governments--to plan
5 and implement programs that result in communities that serve the
6 highest needs and aspirations of Hawaii's people; and

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8 WHEREAS, to ensure that a comprehensive and coordinated
9 plan is executed with and for the community, the Authority is
10 explicitly required to promote community engagement in community
11 development plans and development projects; and

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13 WHEREAS, in the 37 years since its creation, the Authority
14 has not met the standards for creating a mixed-use, mixed-income
15 community and has instead liberally interpreted its requirements
16 and rules without accountability or transparency to the
17 detriment of the community; and

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19 WHEREAS, although the need for affordable housing in
20 Honolulu has reached its peak, the Authority has added only a
21 limited amount of affordable housing in its development
22 districts and has set affordable housing prices and eligibility
23 criteria for affordable housing at a higher income level than
24 both the Legislature and the United States Department of Housing
25 and Urban Development; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
29 that the Auditor is requested to perform a financial and
30 management audit of the Hawaii Community Development Authority;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, as part of the financial and
2 management audit, the Auditor is requested to investigate the
3 following:

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- 5 (1) The Authority's process for the formulation of
6 development plans, including revisions and amendments
7 to master plans and the content of the Authority's
8 master plan for the Kakaako Community Development
9 District;
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- 11 (2) The manner in which variances, exceptions, and
12 modifications to the Authority's development plans and
13 roles are considered and approved;
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- 15 (3) The extent of affordable and workforce housing to be
16 constructed under the current rules; and
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- 18 (4) The Authority's process for determination of the
19 adequacy of infrastructure, including public school
20 facilities; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
23 submit a report of findings, recommendations, and proposed
24 legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than 20 days
25 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Executive
29 Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

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OFFERED BY: _____

