SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF A COLLABORATIVE PLAN TO BEST LEVERAGE STATE AND COUNTY FUNDS TO BUILD AFFORDABLE HOUSING PROJECTS AND AN EXPLORATION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING A PARCEL OF LAND IN KAHULUI, MAUI, TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable housing has been one of Hawaii's most significant and challenging social problems, with home prices and rental costs for Hawaii's residents continuing to escalate; and

WHEREAS, a shortage of affordable workforce housing compounds the problem with traffic congestion, as growing numbers of families are unable to find reasonably priced housing near their workplaces; and

WHEREAS, increased construction of affordable workforce housing supports the goals of the counties and the State to address Hawaii's affordable housing crisis; and

WHEREAS, the counties and the State have administrative and funding resources through which they are able to develop or encourage the development of affordable workforce housing; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is a statewide agency tasked with developing affordable housing and has the proven record and resources in the planning, development, construction, and financing of affordable housing, as well as the existing relationships needed to engage in public-private partnerships to build more affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, identification and transfer of underutilized or state-owned and county-owned lands for the benefit of or to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation for building
mixed-use affordable housing projects facilitate the development
and implementation of a collaborative affordable housing plan;
now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing
Finance and Development Corporation is requested to develop a
collaborative plan to best leverage the various affordable
housing funds of the State and each county to build affordable
housing projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
Development Corporation is requested to work with the
appropriate government agencies to identify and fund the
necessary infrastructure improvements needed for the
construction of affordable housing projects; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
Development Corporation, Department of Accounting and General
Services, and County of Maui are requested to work together to:

(1) Explore the feasibility of transferring a parcel of
land located at 153 West Kaahumanu Avenue, Kahului,
Hawaii, identified as tax map key number 370040030000,
to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
Corporation for the purpose of developing a mixed-use
rental housing project that includes consideration of
the Department of Accounting and General Services
Civic Center needs in Kahului and Wailuku, Hawaii; and

(2) Enter into a memorandum of understanding, if
appropriate, to execute the transfer; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
Development Corporation is requested to examine the potential of
a unified affordable housing approval process to streamline the
regulatory requirements for building affordable housing projects
on all islands in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Executive
Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Comptroller, Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Mayor of each county, and Chairperson of each county council.