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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING EACH COUNTY TO DEVELOP AND ADMINISTER A PERMITTING SYSTEM FOR NON-PERMITTED OWNER-OCCUPIED TRANSIENT VACATION UNITS AND A LAND USE AMNESTY PROGRAM TO WAIVE OUTSTANDING LIABILITIES FOR ILLEGAL TRANSIENT VACATION UNITS THAT OBTAIN A PERMIT BY A CERTAIN DATE.

1 WHEREAS, the State and counties are working together to
2 regulate illegal transient vacation units, which have become
3 widespread throughout the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority estimates that there
6 are 27,177 transient vacation rentals in the State that are
7 advertised online; and
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9 WHEREAS, across the State, 79.6 percent of all Airbnb
10 listings are categorized as "entire place," meaning that the
11 entire housing unit is being rented out to visitors; and
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13 WHEREAS, existing laws and ordinances allow transient
14 vacation units to operate only in resort districts; however, the
15 counties are seeking options to authorize owner-occupied units
16 outside of resort districts to continue operating as short-term
17 rentals; and
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19 WHEREAS, a county permitting and land use amnesty program
20 for those who operate owner-occupied transient vacation units
21 will encourage owners to properly register their properties for
22 short-term rental use; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that this body urges each
27 county to develop and administer a permitting system for non-
28 permitted, owner-occupied transient vacation units and a land
29 use amnesty program to waive outstanding liabilities for illegal



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1 transient vacation units, provided that the owners of those
2 units obtain a permit no later than October 31, 2018; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body urges each county to
5 publicize the permitting system and the land use amnesty program
6 to maximize public awareness of and participation in the program
7 and to contract with appropriate advertising agencies inside or
8 outside the State to accomplish this goal; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Planning
12 and Permitting for the City and County of Honolulu, Planning
13 Director for the County of Hawaii, Planning Director for the
14 County of Kauai, Planning Director for the County of Maui,
15 Chairperson of the Planning Commission for the City and County
16 of Honolulu, Chairpersons of the Windward and Leeward Planning
17 Commissions for the County of Hawaii, Chairperson of the
18 Planning Commission for the County of Kauai, Chairperson of the
19 Maui Planning Commission, Chairperson of the Molokai Planning
20 Commission, and Chairperson of the Lanai Planning Commission.

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