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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING IN THE COUNTY OF MAUI.

1           WHEREAS, the shortage of available housing in the State has  
2 become a crisis that continues to worsen every year as the  
3 demand for housing continues to grow far more rapidly than  
4 supply; and

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6           WHEREAS, in addition, the cost of housing continues to grow  
7 faster than the State's median income, resulting in more Hawaii  
8 residents being priced out of the housing market; and

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10          WHEREAS, stable housing is the foundation for a strong  
11 middle class; and

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13          WHEREAS, if the State fails to address this issue, more  
14 residents will be forced to move away from Hawaii to obtain  
15 housing they can afford; and

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17          WHEREAS, an October 2020 report from the University of  
18 Hawaii Economic Research Organization warned that more Hawaii  
19 residents were moving to the mainland in the wake of the  
20 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, accelerating a  
21 trend that was already occurring due to the State's high cost of  
22 living and lack of affordable housing; and

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24          WHEREAS, although the housing shortage is widely recognized  
25 statewide, the need for housing is of particularly great concern  
26 to the residents of the County of Maui; and

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28          WHEREAS, as Hawaii rebuilds its economy from the COVID-19  
29 pandemic, it is essential that the State use its limited  
30 resources to efficiently and effectively grow the available



1 affordable housing inventory so that housing will be available  
2 for the residents of the County of Maui and their families; and  
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4 WHEREAS, better information is needed to understand how to  
5 tackle the affordable housing shortage; and  
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7 WHEREAS, policymakers need to know the number of housing  
8 units and types of housing that are currently available, the  
9 number of housing units that are currently being constructed,  
10 and what future housing projects are currently being planned;  
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13 WHEREAS, moneys used to construct affordable housing comes  
14 from a variety of sources, including federal, state, county, and  
15 private sources; and  
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17 WHEREAS, to create an effective housing plan, policymakers  
18 must know how those different funding sources are being  
19 allocated and utilized; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
23 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
24 Bureau is requested to conduct a study regarding affordable  
25 housing in the County of Maui; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
28 Bureau is requested to include in the study:  
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- 30 (1) A quantification of moneys expended by the County of  
31 Maui for affordable housing;  
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- 33 (2) The sources of funds expended, including the amount  
34 from federal, state, county, and private sources;  
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- 36 (3) The total number of available affordable housing units  
37 in the County of Maui;  
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- 39 (4) The total number of available housing units in the  
40 County of Maui, including a breakdown by:  
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- 1 (A) Number of single-family homes, further subdivided
- 2 by number of bedrooms; and
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- 4 (B) Number of condominium homes, further subdivided
- 5 by number of bedrooms;
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- 7 (5) The total number of housing units and residential
- 8 developments that are planned to be constructed in the
- 9 County of Maui, including what percentage of the units
- 10 proposed to be built are considered affordable; and
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- 12 (6) Whether there are policies in place that hinder the
- 13 availability of affordable housing in the County of
- 14 Maui; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
 17 Bureau may consult with any person or agency in the preparation  
 18 of the report; and

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 20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED every agency of the State and its  
 21 political subdivisions are requested to provide to the  
 22 Legislative Reference Bureau any specific data, information, and  
 23 assistance that the Bureau requests for the purpose of the  
 24 study; and

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 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
 27 Bureau is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
 28 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
 29 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
 30 the Regular Session of 2022; and

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
 34 Legislative Reference Bureau.

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 37 OFFERED BY: *Lyn De Corte*  
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