
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE REAL ESTATE COMMISSION TO ALLOW FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S EXAMINATION IN THE JAPANESE LANGUAGE FOR PURPOSES OF ISSUING A LIMITED REAL ESTATE SALESPERSON'S LICENSE, FOR THE SALE OF TIMESHARE PRODUCTS IN HAWAII, TO JAPANESE NATIONAL VISITORS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENHANCING JAPAN'S INVOLVEMENT IN AND SUPPORT OF THE HAWAII TOURISM INDUSTRY.

1 WHEREAS, the Real Estate Commission of the Department of
2 Commerce and Consumer Affairs has broad authority to allow for
3 the administration of the real estate salesperson's examination
4 in the Japanese language and to issue licenses for the sale of
5 timeshare products in Hawaii to those who pass the full real
6 estate salesperson's examination given in Japanese; and
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8 WHEREAS, based on the prior experience of timeshare
9 operators in other jurisdictions, a potentially higher passage
10 rate for Japanese national applicants could result in a rise in
11 the sale of timeshare products to Japanese national visitors and
12 an increase in visitors from Japan; and
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14 WHEREAS, in contrast to visitors who stay in hotels,
15 timeshare owners are more likely to become involved in the local
16 community and consistently support the local economy, as they
17 return to Hawaii multiple times and on a regular basis; and
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19 WHEREAS, the timeshare industry desires to cultivate
20 greater Japanese involvement in the Hawaii timeshare industry;
21 however, it has found it difficult to hire a sufficient number
22 of licensed salespersons to meet the demand of the Japanese
23 market and facilitate an increase in the number of Japanese
24 visitors to Hawaii; and
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1 WHEREAS, it is not unusual to offer written examinations
2 required for licenses to be given in languages other than
3 English; and
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5 WHEREAS, for instance, the written examination for the
6 Hawaii driver's license is offered in multiple languages, such
7 as Chinese, Chuukese, Hawaiian, Ilocano, Japanese, Korean,
8 Marshallese, Samoan, Spanish, Tagalog, Tongan, and Vietnamese,
9 in order to accommodate Hawaii's linguistically diverse
10 community and address concerns regarding discrimination; and
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12 WHEREAS, pursuant to the statutory powers and authority
13 granted to the Real Estate Commission under chapter 467, Hawaii
14 Revised Statutes, the Commission could implement this proposal
15 without any statutory changes; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
19 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Real Estate Commission
20 is strongly urged to allow for the administration of the real
21 estate salesperson's examination in the Japanese language for
22 purposes of issuing a limited real estate salesperson's license,
23 for the sale of timeshare products in Hawaii, to Japanese
24 national visitors for the purposes of enhancing Japan's
25 involvement in and support of the Hawaii tourism industry; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Real Estate Commission is
28 requested to use its existing authority under chapter 467,
29 Hawaii Revised Statutes, to make these Japanese-language
30 examinations available; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce
34 and Consumer Affairs, Chairperson of the Real Estate Commission,
35 and Supervising Executive Officer of the Real Estate Commission.
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