
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS
OR ESTABLISH VARIANCE PROCEDURES FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND
FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND USE EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC
SERVICE DELIVERY.

1 WHEREAS, setback requirements, which mandate minimum
2 distances between structures and property lines, are established
3 to ensure safety, privacy, and aesthetic standards in urban
4 planning; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State is committed to optimizing the use of
7 public lands to serve the community effectively; and

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9 WHEREAS, strict adherence to uniform setback requirements
10 may limit the State's ability to develop or renovate public
11 buildings and facilities in a manner that maximizes land use
12 efficiency; and

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14 WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have implemented flexible
15 setback policies or granted variances to accommodate the unique
16 needs of public buildings, thereby promoting greater density and
17 more efficient use of public resources; and

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19 WHEREAS, this flexibility can lead to improved public
20 service delivery by allowing state facilities to be more
21 appropriately sized and located; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
25 that the counties are requested to adopt flexible setback
26 requirements or establish variance procedures for state
27 buildings and facilities to enhance land use efficiency and
28 public service delivery; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
31 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors and Chairpersons of the



- 1 County Councils of the Counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and
- 2 the City and County of Honolulu.

