
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN
DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED UNITS AT KALIHI VALLEY
HOMES FROM THE LIST OF STRUCTURES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION
AND TO WORK WITH THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO
RENOVATE THE BUILDINGS INSTEAD.

1 WHEREAS, the most recent estimate of the total number of
2 homeless persons in Hawaii is 6,029 on any given day; and

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4 WHEREAS, this number is a significant increase from the
5 last estimate in 1999, which was 3,171 on any given day; and

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7 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Homeless Point-in-Time Study of 2003,
8 from which these estimates are derived, found that approximately
9 4,107 of these homeless persons are unsheltered; and

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11 WHEREAS, this situation is indicative of the limited number
12 of shelter spaces available in the state; and

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14 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley contains the state's two largest
15 public housing projects, with over 4,000 individuals residing in
16 them; and

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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley Homes first opened in 1953 and
19 needed major renovations by the mid-1990s; and

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21 WHEREAS, the demolition and disposition of public housing
22 is authorized under section 18 of the Housing Act of 1937, as
23 amended; and

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25 WHEREAS, 72 units at Kalihi Valley Homes are currently
26 scheduled for demolition by the United States Department of
27 Housing and Urban Development; and



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1 WHEREAS, renovating the existing units scheduled for
 2 demolition would help replenish the inventory of public housing
 3 more quickly than demolishing and reconstructing units
 4 elsewhere; and

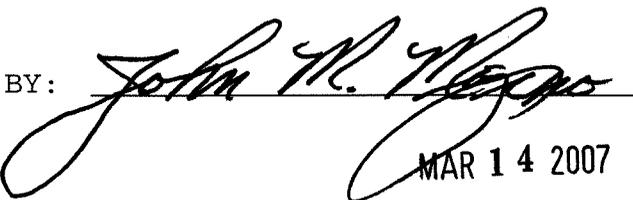
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 6 WHEREAS, the sole reason that the 72 units are scheduled
 7 for demolition is to create more open space at Kalihi Valley
 8 Homes; and

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 10 WHEREAS, given the high cost of demolition compared to the
 11 lower cost of renovations, these structurally sound units should
 12 be removed from the list of structures scheduled for demolition
 13 to make public housing more readily available to the homeless in
 14 Hawaii; now, therefore,

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 16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 17 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
 18 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the United States
 19 Department of Housing and Urban Development is urged to remove
 20 the 72 units at Kalihi Valley Homes from the list of structures
 21 scheduled for demolition and to work with the Hawaii Public
 22 Housing Authority to renovate the buildings instead; and

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 24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the
 26 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the
 27 Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
 28 Authority, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional delegation.

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