
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT TO
ADOPT A POLICY OF RESTRICTING PUBLIC HOUSING TENANCY TO NOT
MORE THAN FIVE YEARS EXCEPT IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 WHEREAS, the cyclical nature of poverty perpetuates a
2 lifestyle that is inherited from generation to generation; and
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4 WHEREAS, families born into poverty appear hopelessly
5 caught in a self-fulfilling prophecy of welfare and public
6 housing; and
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8 WHEREAS, except in certain cases, restricting public
9 housing tenancy to not more than five years is an attempt to
10 break this vicious cycle; and
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12 WHEREAS, although this policy may appear harsh on the
13 surface, the policy will:
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15 (1) Encourage and motivate upward economic mobility from
16 low to moderate income for families who are overly
17 dependent on public housing;
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19 (2) Promote integrity in the public housing system to
20 prevent "homesteading" and multi-generational tenancy;
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23 (3) Increase the supply of low-income housing to address
24 the homeless problem in the State; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
28 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the United States
29 Department of Housing and Urban Development is requested to
30 consider adopting a policy to restrict public housing tenancy to



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1 not more than five years except for the elderly, the infirm, or
2 in special cases for other humanitarian reasons; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States
6 Secretary of Housing and Urban Development.
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