
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, IN COLLABORATION WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON HOUSING FOR ESSENTIAL WORKERS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is in need of more affordable housing for
2 low- and moderate-income households; and

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4 WHEREAS, the 2006 report of the Joint Legislative Housing
5 and Homeless Task Force established by Act 196, Session Laws of
6 Hawaii 2005, states that an estimated 44,190 housing units are
7 projected to be needed statewide between 2005-2009; and

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9 WHEREAS, most essential workers, that is, teachers, police
10 officers, firefighters, and other emergency responders would be
11 considered moderate-income individuals; and

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13 WHEREAS, even households and individuals with moderate
14 incomes have been priced out of Hawaii's housing market and are
15 sometimes forced to move out of state to achieve an improved
16 lifestyle and the possibility of homeownership; and

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18 WHEREAS, additionally, the State and counties have
19 experienced difficulty in recruiting and retaining essential
20 workers, particularly when other states actively recruit in
21 Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, the primary expense of most households is housing;
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26 WHEREAS, in addition to the cost of housing and the loss of
27 essential workers to other states, some rural areas of the state
28 have difficulty recruiting and retaining essential workers
29 because of the remote location and difficult commute; and



