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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN  
DEVELOPMENT TO REMOVE DESIGNATED BUILDINGS AT KALIHI VALLEY  
HOMES SCHEDULED FOR DEMOLITION.

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 is a significant increase from the last  
5 estimate in 1999 which was 3,171; 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 is indicative of the limited number of  
12 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 four thousand individuals;  
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18 WHEREAS, Kalihi Valley Homes was first opened in 1953 and  
19 was in need of 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, seventy-two units at Kalihi Valley Homes are  
26 currently scheduled for demolition by the United States  
27 Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

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29 WHEREAS, renovating the existing units scheduled for  
30 demolition would help replenish the public housing inventory  
31 faster than demolition and reconstruction of units elsewhere;  
32 and



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 2 WHEREAS, the only reason the seventy-two units are  
 3 scheduled for demolition is to create more open space at Kalihi  
 4 Valley Homes; and

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 6 WHEREAS, given the high cost of demolition compared to the  
 7 cost of renovations, these structurally sound units should be  
 8 removed from the scheduled demolition to preserve available  
 9 public housing for the homeless in Hawaii; now, therefore,

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

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 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the  
 21 United States Department of Housing and Urban Development, the  
 22 Interim Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing  
 23 Authority, and each member of Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

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