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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE AND COUNTIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE SHARING OF THE SAME LOCATION FOR EDUCATIONAL, RECREATIONAL, HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES PROGRAMS IN PROPERTIES THAT ARE ABANDONED, EXCESS, AND UNDERUTILIZED PROPERTIES UNDER THEIR RESPECTIVE JURISDICTION.

WHEREAS, the state and county governments are landowners or lessees of real properties and buildings that are intended to serve the public purpose; and

WHEREAS, if these properties and buildings are abandoned, unused, underutilized, or otherwise in excess of their respective need, the public purpose is not served; and

WHEREAS, these properties hold the potential for public purpose use to provide government and community services, including educational, recreational, health, and human services programs, as well as housing, early learning centers, and senior services; and

WHEREAS, private providers of educational, recreational, health, and human services programs need a location for offices and operations; and

WHEREAS, the lack of affordable land and buildings are critical impediments to providing educational, recreational, health, and human services programs; and

WHEREAS, providers of educational, recreational, health, and human services programs, including the state and counties, could leverage the use of existing properties under their respective jurisdiction by co-locating on the same property various educational, recreational, health, and human services programs to address multiple community needs, including but not limited to, programs benefiting children, youth, seniors and elderly, and families; and

WHEREAS, an example of maximizing property usage by cosharing is allowing educational, recreational, health, and human services program providers, including the State and counties, to share the use of property of a public school that has a declining enrollment and may be in jeopardy of closing; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Education, Department of Land and Natural Resources, and the planning department of the respective counties are requested to compile a report that lists every property under their respective jurisdiction that are:

(1) Land or buildings, or both;

(2) Abandoned, underutilized, unused, underutilized, or otherwise in excess of their respective needs;

(3) Hold the potential for use to provide human services, including but not limited to, housing, early learning centers, and senior and elderly services; and

(4) With regard to public schools, those schools that face the prospect of closure or consolidation with another school and whose facilities would be suitable for use to provide multiple community needs in human services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that for each such property, the report include information on the location, tax map key, zoning, land classification, ownership, current status of use, a description and pictures of the building, and whether the property or building, or both, would be suitable for use to provide educational, recreational, health, and human services programs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Education; Department of Land and Natural Resources, Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, Hawaii County Planning Department, Kauai County Department of Planning, and Maui Department of Planning submit their respective report to the

Legislature (attention to the Senate Committee on Human Services and Public Housing, and the House Committee on Human Services and Housing) not later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of Education; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Human Services; Director of Health; Director of the Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting; Director of the Hawaii County Planning Department; Director of the Kauai County Department of Planning; and the Director of the Maui Department of Planning.

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