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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE COMMISSION AND THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO CONTINUE THEIR DISCUSSIONS AND MAKE GOOD FAITH EFFORTS TO CONSUMMATE CONVEYANCE OF PARCELS OF LAND IN THE KALAELOA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority was established in 1976 as a redevelopment and planning agency to supplement traditional development methods in the Kakaako community development district; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, after the closure of the Barbers Point Naval Air Station, the Legislature placed the former air station under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and thereby creating the Kalaeloa community development district; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Hawaii Community Development Authority is not simply to administer zoning rules to produce the delivery of reserved housing units from willing developers, but also includes, planning and implementing capital improvement projects to upgrade infrastructure and develop public facilities, coordinating the development of mixed-use projects, and, most importantly, identifying the preferred future that stakeholders and residents of our development districts desire; and

WHEREAS, with the support of the Legislature, public, and stakeholders, the Hawaii Community Development Authority strives to create efficient and sustainable communities that enhance the quality of life for its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority has a unique opportunity to redevelop the Kalaeloa district to respond

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to the desires of the community, surrounding neighborhoods, region, and State; and

WHEREAS, the Authority was designated as the local reuse agency for lands conveyed through the Base Realignment and Closure Commission; and

WHEREAS, in a prior conveyance of lands within the Kalaeloa district, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission conveyed certain lands to federal, state, and city agencies; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority did not receive any lands through the foregoing conveyance and as of today, does not own any significant parcels of land within the Kalaeloa district; and

 WHEREAS, there are now six parcels of land within the Kalaeloa district that have been rejected by the initial intended recipient, and are now pending conveyance either through a public benefit conveyance, special legislation, public sale, or a negotiated sale; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority and representatives from the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, program management office, west team, have conducted initial discussions about a possible conveyance of all six parcels by special legislation; and

WHEREAS, the six parcels are identified as:

(1) An approximately 10.569-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13126 B," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-031:047;

(2) An approximately 145.785-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13058 D," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-013:039;

(3) An approximately 9.303-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13058 F," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-013:041;

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- (4) An approximately 57.937-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13058 G," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-013:042;
- (5) An approximately 11.501-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13073 D," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-013:069; and
- (6) An approximately 65.356-acre parcel of land identified as "Parcel Number 13073 B," and further identified by Oahu tax map key number 9-1-013:067;

WHEREAS, these six parcels are valuable to the community and State because of their archaeological, cultural, and economic significance; and

WHEREAS, parcel number 13058 F, 13073 D, and 13073 B contain important archaeological sites or endangered species that require stewardship and protection; and

WHEREAS, parcel number 13126 D and 13058 G contains important cultural and archaeological sites, requiring stewardship and protection, as well as a public facility value; and

WHEREAS, parcel number 13126 B has a public facility value because a water desalinization plant was proposed for this site, and the site has the potential to become a sustainable resource; and

WHEREAS, the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, program management office, has not objected to these six parcels being conveyed to the Hawaii Community Development Authority by special legislation; and

WHEREAS, if these six parcels are not conveyed to the Authority, the State could suffer a permanent loss of valuable archaeological and cultural resources; and

WHEREAS, the Authority is willing to be a steward for these culturally, archaeologically, and economically significant parcels of land; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the House of Representatives concurring, that Hawaii's congressional delegation is encouraged to sponsor and support federal legislation that conveys the six parcels of land within the Kalaeloa community development district to the Hawaii Community Development Authority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority, Douglas Gilkey of the Base Realignment and Closure Commission, program management office, and the members of Hawaii's congressional delegation.

OFFERED BY:

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