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S.C.R. NO. 174

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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE BUILDING OF MODULAR AND FACTORY MANUFACTURED HOMES IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, housing in Hawaii is among the most expensive in the United States and infrastructure costs for roads, electricity, water, and sewage are often too high for developers and landowners to build in rural areas; and

WHEREAS, water catchment and solar power can be built into modular homes, thus allowing home construction in rural areas that have little infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, the use of steel framing in modular homes prevents problems with subterranean termites and also makes these homes resistant to hurricanes and earthquake damage; and

WHEREAS, homes that are built with factory construction can be moved, thus making them ideal for people who live on leasehold land; and

WHEREAS, by setting aside rural land banked areas, modular homes can be moved to safe areas if the property is in danger of a lava flow, hurricane, or flood, which would enable financial institutions and insurance companies to approve mortgages and insurance on homes that are in lava, hurricane, or flood inundation areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, a steel-framed housing factory on Oahu manufactured homes at \$60 per square foot, or \$120 to \$180 per square foot for site-built housing, demonstrating that a factory manufactured home can have a cost savings of over fifty per cent through the use of local materials and local labor; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the

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House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature supports building modular and factory manufactured homes in Hawaii, not including trailer homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Mayors and Council Chairs of the respective counties of the State of Hawaii.

Will you