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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL
AUDIT OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY'S MAINTENANCE
CONTRACTS.

1 WHEREAS, in December 2008, federal and state class action
2 law suits were filed on behalf of residents of two of the Hawaii
3 Public Housing Authority's largest and oldest public housing
4 properties; and

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6 WHEREAS, numerous problems and safety concerns were cited
7 by residents, including but not limited to:

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9 (1) Disabled or missing fire alarms;

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11 (2) Corroded garbage chutes, which are inoperable and
12 backed up with rubbish;

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14 (3) Pest infestations;

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16 (4) Elevators in a continual state of disrepair affecting
17 the mobility of residents; and

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19 (5) Lack of compliance with the federal Americans with
20 Disabilities Act regarding accessibility for residents
21 who have mobility problems; and

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23 WHEREAS, many of these problems are long-standing; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State has an obligation and duty to provide
26 public housing facilities that are properly maintained to ensure
27 the safety and well-being of facility residents; and

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29 WHEREAS, while the Hawaii Public Housing Authority has
30 embarked on a "turnaround plan" to address the backlog of repair
31 and maintenance problems at public housing facilities throughout



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1 the State, correcting current deficiencies will not necessarily
 2 lead to improved ongoing maintenance; now, therefore,

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 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
 5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
 6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Auditor is
 7 requested to conduct a management and financial audit of the
 8 Hawaii Public Housing Authority's maintenance contracts and to
 9 investigate reports of disrepair, noncompliance with the
 10 Americans with Disabilities Act, and other concerns of
 11 residents; and

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 13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
 14 report findings and recommendations to the Legislature,
 15 including any necessary legislation, not later than twenty days
 16 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
 20 Director of Human Services, the Director of the Hawaii Public
 21 Housing Authority, and the Auditor.

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