THE SENATE TWENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, 2010 STATE OF HAWAII

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## SENATE 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

6 WHEREAS, water catchment and solar power can be built into
7 modular homes, thus allowing home construction in rural areas
8 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 canbe moved, thus making them ideal for people who live onleasehold land; and

18 WHEREAS, by setting aside rural land banked areas, modular 19 homes can be moved to safe areas if the property is in danger of 20 a lava flow, hurricane, or flood, which would enable financial 21 institutions and insurance companies to approve mortgages and 22 insurance on homes that are in lava, hurricane, or flood 23 inundation areas; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, a steel-framed housing factory on Oahu manufactured homes at \$60 per square foot, as opposed to \$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,

32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth 33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, 34 that this body supports building modular and factory 35 manufactured homes in Hawaii, not including trailer homes; and 36



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

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