HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 168

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A MANAGEMENT AND FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY.

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority was 1 established to provide affordable housing and shelter to Hawaii 2 residents without discrimination; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, only with efficient management, prudent expenditures, and accurate accounting can the Hawaii Public 6 Housing Authority effectively carry out its mission; and 7 8 WHEREAS, Act 178, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, was enacted 9 10 to measure all revenues generated by lands in the public trust by requiring any department or agency that uses or manages 11 public lands to report, on an annual basis, all receipts from 12 public trust lands to the Department of Land and Natural 13 14 Resources; and 15 WHEREAS, though the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is 16 subject to Act 178, the Department of Land and Natural Resources 17 has not received a revenue report for the fiscal years 2006-2007 18 and 2007-2008, and reported to the Legislature that in 2008 19 that: 20 21 "According to its [Hawaii Public Housing Authority's] 22 Fiscal Office, the accounting system has been 23 unreliable for the last several years, and is not 24 capable of producing an accurate report. They are in 25 the process of reconstructing their books from 26 27 scratch"; 28 29 and 30 WHEREAS, it is unclear whether the Hawaii Public Housing 31 Authority has completed this process or has ever submitted a 32



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1	completed revenue report to the Department of Land and Natural
2 3	Resources; and
3 4	WHEREAS, the lack of readily available or accurate
5	information on the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's revenues,
6	and the failure to comply with Act 178 raises serious concerns;
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9 10	WHEREAS, among other things, an audit of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority would help to verify any concerns arising from
10 11	a defective reporting system and the lack of information
12	regarding the Hawaii Public Housing Authority's financial
13	situation; and
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15	WHEREAS, an audit is further necessary to recommend ways to
16	address any concerns or problems, maximize management and staff
17 18	efficiency, and ensure the prudent use of resources; now, therefore,
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20	BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21	Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22	of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the Auditor
23	is requested to perform a management and financial audit of the
24 25	Hawaii Public Housing Authority from the fiscal year 2006-2007 to the present; and
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27	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
28	requested to specifically address the Hawaii Public Housing
29 20	Authority's noncompliance with Act 178 and any other issues it
30 31	deems necessary to achieve the purpose of the audit; and
32	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor
33	submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the
34	Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
35	Regular Session of 2012; and
36 37	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38	Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the State Auditor,
39	Director of Land and Natural Resources, and Chairperson of the
40	Hawaji Public Housing Authority.
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