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HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO DEVELOP STRATEGIES THAT WOULD INCREASE ACCESS TO PUBLIC HOUSING FOR QUALIFIED APPLICANTS.

WHEREAS, homelessness and a shortage of affordable housing 1 continue to be two of the State's most persistent and 2 3 challenging social problems; and 4 5 WHEREAS, the availability of clean, safe, and decent housing is integral to an individual's or family's emergence 6 7 from poverty; and 8 9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority reports that there are nearly ten thousand people on the waiting list for 10 federal public housing and approximately seven thousand five 11 hundred people on the waiting list for state public housing; and 12 13 WHEREAS, there are a number of unoccupied public housing 14 units in the State and the Hawaii Public Housing Authority 15 currently maintains and enforces policies that effectively 16 17 exclude qualified applicants; now, therefore, 18 19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 20 of 2011, that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested 21 22 to develop strategies that would increase access to public housing for qualified applicants; and 23 24 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Public Housing Authority is requested to submit a report on its findings and 26 recommendations to the Legislature not later than twenty days 27 prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session; and 28 29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this 30 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the 31 32 Hawaii Public Housing Authority. 33 34



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