A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE HOUSING.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
- 2 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
- 3 read as follows:
- 4 "§46- Alternative housing. (a) Each county shall
- 5 include specific regulations in the county's building code that
- 6 take into account the characteristics of alternative housing
- 7 that are distinct from other housing structures.
- 8 (b) Each county shall adopt ordinances allowing
- 9 alternative housing parks to be established.
- 10 (c) For the purposes of this section:
- 11 "Alternative housing" means mobile homes, shipping
- 12 container housing units, micro housing units, and indigenous
- 13 Hawaiian residential structures.
- 14 "Alternative housing park" means a facility that provides
- 15 services necessary to allow human habitation in alternative
- 16 housing, including but not limited to water, sewage, trash



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- 1 collection, and distribution systems for electricity, for use by
- 2 persons residing in the alternative housing park.
- 3 "Indigenous Hawaiian residential structure" means a
- 4 residential structure constructed using indigenous native
- 5 Hawaiian architectural practices, styles, customs, techniques,
- 6 and materials historically employed by native Hawaiians,
- 7 including but not limited to residential structures composed of
- 8 either rock wall or wood frame walls covered by thatches of
- 9 different native grasses or other natural material for roofs.
- 10 "Micro housing unit" means a dwelling unit with a total
- 11 floor area of not less than two hundred twenty square feet, and
- 12 not more than three hundred twenty square feet for not more than
- 13 two occupants, and containing a separate closet, kitchen sink,
- 14 cooking appliance, refrigeration facilities, and separate
- 15 bathroom containing a toilet, sink, and a bathtub or shower.
- 16 The minimum and maximum total floor area shall increase an
- 17 additional one hundred square feet for each occupant in excess
- 18 of two.
- 19 "Mobile home" means a structure that is eight feet or more
- 20 in width and thirty-two feet or more in length, transportable in
- 21 one or more sections, built on a permanent chassis, and designed

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- to be used as a dwelling with or without a permanent foundation, 1
- 2 when connected to the required utilities.
- "Shipping container housing unit" means an intermodal 3
- container that is converted for use as a residential structure." 4
- 5 SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.
- 6 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Counties; Alternative Housing Parks; Alternative Housing

Description:

Requires counties to include specific regulations for alternative housing in their building codes, and ordinances allowing alternative housing parks to be established.

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