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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CONVENING OF A WORKING GROUP TO CONDUCT A NEEDS-  
BASED ASSESSMENT OF FARM WORKER HOUSING THROUGHOUT THE  
STATE.

1 WHEREAS, affordable housing in general is scarce in Hawaii  
2 primarily because of the cost of land and construction; and  
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4 WHEREAS, farmers that have long-term agricultural land  
5 leases, particularly those which are long-term lessees of  
6 agricultural and non-agricultural parks, are frequently unable  
7 to provide housing for workers; and  
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9 WHEREAS, shortages in adequate farm worker housing reduce  
10 the numbers of available farm workers and contribute to  
11 increased difficulty for farmers in Hawaii who operate small  
12 farms to make their farms sustainable; now, therefore,  
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth  
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016, the  
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of  
17 Planning, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
18 Corporation, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, and the  
19 Department of Land and Natural Resources are requested to  
20 convene a working group; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
23 to conduct a needs-based assessment of farm worker housing  
24 throughout the State of Hawaii; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
27 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
28 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
29 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
30 of 2017; and  
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## S.C.R. NO. 3

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
3 of the Office of Planning; Executive Director of the Hawaii  
4 Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Executive Director  
5 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Chairperson of the Board  
6 of Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Senate  
7 Committee on Water, Land, and Agriculture; Chairperson of the  
8 Senate Committee on Housing; Chairperson of the House Committee  
9 on Agriculture; and Chairperson of the House Committee on  
10 Housing.  
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