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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 Planning  
17 is requested to convene a working group to conduct a needs-based  
18 assessment of farm worker housing throughout the State; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group include  
21 representatives of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
22 Corporation, Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Department of Land  
23 and Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture, Hawai'i Farm  
24 Bureau, and Hawai'i Farmers Union United; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning is  
27 requested to be the lead agency charged with the responsibility  
28 of coordinating the working group; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
31 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,



1 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
2 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
3 of 2017; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director  
7 of the Office of Planning; Executive Director of the Hawaii  
8 Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Executive Director  
9 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority; Chairperson of the Board  
10 of Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Board of  
11 Agriculture; Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Water, Land,  
12 and Agriculture; Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Housing;  
13 Chairperson of the House Committee on Agriculture; Chairperson  
14 of the House Committee on Housing; Hawai'i Farm Bureau; and  
15 Hawai'i Farmers Union United.  
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