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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM, CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND COUNTIES OF HAWAII, MAUI, AND KAUAI TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO REVIEW AND OFFER AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 53, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES.

1 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law is codified as chapter 53,
2 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law was originally enacted in
5 1949 for the purpose of securing federal financial assistance
6 for urban redevelopment projects through the creation of special
7 public bodies with extraordinary powers to undertake such
8 projects; and
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10 WHEREAS, numerous projects throughout the State have
11 utilized the Urban Renewal Law, including the Maui Redevelopment
12 Agency, Wailuku Redevelopment Plan, and Wailuku Redevelopment
13 Area in the County of Maui; and
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15 WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii is considering creating the
16 Banyan Drive Redevelopment Agency pursuant to section 53-2,
17 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Urban Renewal Law has been amended several
20 times since it was enacted; and
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22 WHEREAS, further amendments to the Urban Renewal Law may be
23 necessary for chapter 53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to remain
24 consistent with other existing laws and the current state of
25 Hawaii's counties; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2016,
29 that a working group be established consisting of the Director
30 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
31 Planning for the Counties of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai; and
32 Director of Planning and Permitting for the City and County of
33 Honolulu; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to review the application of chapter 53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and offer amendments to the chapter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to submit a report, including updated definitions and terms as relating to existing laws and programs, and an updated organizational framework of the counties since the introduction of chapter 53, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2017; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Planning for the County of Hawaii; Director of Planning for the County of Maui; Director of Planning for the County of Kauai; and Director of Planning and Permitting for the City and County of Honolulu.

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