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SENATE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING AND ESTABLISHING THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO
EXPEDITIOUSLY FACILITATE AN END TO THE HOUSING SHORTAGE IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii is experiencing the worst housing crisis in
2 the State's history; and

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4 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
5 and Tourism projects that Hawaii will need sixty-six thousand
6 new housing units by 2025 to address the critical shortage of
7 housing; and

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9 WHEREAS, because of the many barriers hindering the
10 production of new housing, such as geographic limitations, lack
11 of major infrastructure, and construction costs, the State and
12 housing developers have not produced enough housing for Hawaii
13 residents; and

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15 WHEREAS, the amount of new construction of housing
16 continues to be inadequate as the supply of housing remains
17 constrained while demand for housing increases; and

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19 WHEREAS, there has been a lack of measurable progress to
20 enact policies that will stimulate housing production to meet
21 projected demand; and

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23 WHEREAS, it is critical to take initiative to increase the
24 production of housing to meet anticipated housing demands; now,
25 therefore,


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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
28 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the State
29 of Hawaii hereby expresses and establishes a policy to
30 expeditiously facilitate an end to the housing shortage in
31 Hawaii; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that through this policy, the State
34 aspires to:



- 1 (1) Plan the production of enough housing to meet the
- 2 housing demand, which accounts for latent demand and
- 3 natural population increase; and
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- 5 (2) Facilitate the production of enough housing to end the
- 6 housing shortage, which accounts for latent demand and
- 7 the natural population increase; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 10 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President of the
 11 Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Director of
 12 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Director of
 13 Department of Budget and Finance, and Director of Department of
 14 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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 16 OFFERED BY: 
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