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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH'S DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES DIVISION TO FIND A SOURCE OF FUNDING TO SUBSIDIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE WITH INTELLECTUAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities are
2 disproportionately low-income and are often being priced out of
3 many neighborhoods, especially in urban areas, as rental prices
4 continue to increase and affordable housing options diminish;
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7 WHEREAS, individuals with developmental disabilities
8 compete with the general population with regard to housing; and
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10 WHEREAS, some of these individuals rely on Supplemental
11 Security Income, which is the federal income maintenance program
12 that assists people with significant and long-term disabilities
13 who have no assets and no other source of income, to meet their
14 basic needs; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Supplemental Security Income payment is
17 insufficient to cover the cost of renting a studio unit in the
18 State, especially in areas where many necessary services are
19 available; and
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21 WHEREAS, because of the disparity between the Supplemental
22 Security Income payment and high housing costs, individuals with
23 developmental disabilities are often forced into homelessness or
24 segregated, restrictive, and costly institutional living
25 arrangements; and
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27 WHEREAS, in light of the inadequate federal resources for
28 supporting individuals with developmental disabilities with
29 appropriate housing, it is critical to identify opportunities
30 for supplementing support at the state level; now, therefore,
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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
33 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the
34 Department of Health's Developmental Disabilities Division is




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1 requested to identify potential sources of funding to subsidize
 2 the development of affordable housing for people with
 3 intellectual and developmental disabilities; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Developmental Disabilities
 6 Division is urged to submit a report of its findings and
 7 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
 8 Legislature prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 9 2021; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Director of
 13 Health.
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