
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OR PREPARE A REPORT WITH EXISTING DATA REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON LANAI AND MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, the shortage of available housing in the State has
2 become a crisis that continues to worsen every year as the
3 demand for housing continues to grow far more rapidly than
4 supply; and

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6 WHEREAS, in addition, the cost of housing continues to grow
7 faster than the State's median income, resulting in more Hawaii
8 residents being priced out of the housing market; and

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10 WHEREAS, stable housing is the foundation for a strong
11 middle class; and

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13 WHEREAS, if the State fails to address this issue, more
14 residents will be forced to move away from Hawaii to obtain
15 housing they can afford; and

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17 WHEREAS, an October 2020 report from the University of
18 Hawaii Economic Research Organization warned that more Hawaii
19 residents were moving to the mainland in the wake of the
20 coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, accelerating a
21 trend that was already occurring due to the State's high cost of
22 living and lack of affordable housing; and

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24 WHEREAS, although the housing shortage is widely recognized
25 statewide, the need for housing is of particularly great concern
26 to rural areas such as Lanai and Molokai; and

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28 WHEREAS, as Hawaii rebuilds its economy from the COVID-19
29 pandemic, it is essential that the State use its limited
30 resources to efficiently and effectively grow the available



1 affordable housing inventory so that housing will be available
2 for the residents of Lanai and Molokai and their families; and
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4 WHEREAS, better information is needed to understand how to
5 tackle the affordable housing shortage; and
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7 WHEREAS, policymakers need to know the number of housing
8 units and types of housing that are currently available, the
9 number of housing units that are currently being constructed,
10 and what future housing projects are currently being planned;
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13 WHEREAS, monies used to construct affordable housing comes
14 from a variety of sources, including federal, state, county, and
15 private sources; and
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17 WHEREAS, to create an effective housing plan, policymakers
18 must know how those different funding sources are being
19 allocated and utilized; now, therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
22 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
23 of 2021, that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
24 Corporation is requested to conduct a study or prepare a report
25 with existing data regarding affordable housing on Lanai and
26 Molokai; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
29 Development Corporation is requested to include in the study or
30 report:
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- 32 (1) A breakdown of funds expended, including the amounts
33 from federal, state, county, and private sources
34 relating to housing for Lanai and Molokai;
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36 (2) The total number of available affordable housing units
37 on Lanai and Molokai;
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39 (3) The total number of available housing units on Lanai
40 and Molokai, including a breakdown by:



- 1 (A) Number of single-family homes, further subdivided
2 by number of bedrooms; and
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- 4 (B) Number of condominium homes, further subdivided
5 by number of bedrooms;
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- 7 (4) The total number of housing units and residential
8 developments that are planned to be constructed on
9 Lanai and Molokai, including what percentage of the
10 units proposed to be built are considered affordable;
11 and
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- 13 (5) Whether there are policies in place that hinder the
14 availability of affordable housing on Lanai and
15 Molokai; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
18 Development Corporation is requested to consult with any person
19 or agency in the preparation of the study or report; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each agency of the State and
22 its political subdivisions is requested to provide to the Hawaii
23 Housing Finance and Development Corporation any specific data,
24 information, and assistance that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
25 Development Corporation requests for the purpose of the study or
26 report; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
29 Development Corporation is requested to submit the study or
30 report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
31 convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
34 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
35 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Mayor of the
36 County of Maui, and Director of Housing and Human Concerns of
37 the County of Maui.

