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# HOUSE CONCURRENT 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



1 resources to efficiently and effectively grow the available  
2 affordable housing inventory so that housing will be available  
3 for the residents of Lanai and Molokai and their families; and  
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5 WHEREAS, better information is needed to understand how to  
6 tackle the affordable housing shortage; and  
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8 WHEREAS, policymakers need to know the number of housing  
9 units and types of housing that are currently available, the  
10 number of housing units that are currently being constructed,  
11 and what future housing projects are currently being planned;  
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14 WHEREAS, monies used to construct affordable housing comes  
15 from a variety of sources, including federal, state, county, and  
16 private sources; and  
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18 WHEREAS, to create an effective housing plan, policymakers  
19 must know how those different funding sources are being  
20 allocated and utilized; now, therefore,  
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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
23 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
24 of 2021, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Housing Finance  
25 and Development Corporation is requested to conduct a study or  
26 prepare a report with existing data regarding affordable housing  
27 on Lanai and Molokai; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
30 Development Corporation is requested to include in the study or  
31 report:  
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- 33 (1) A breakdown of funds expended, including the amounts  
34 from federal, state, county, and private sources  
35 relating to housing for Lanai and Molokai;  
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- 37 (2) The total number of available affordable housing units  
38 on Lanai and Molokai;  
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- 40 (3) The total number of available housing units on Lanai  
41 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 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director  
 35 of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Mayor  
 36 of the County of Maui, and Director of Housing and Human  
 37 Concerns of the County of Maui.

