

JAN 21 2022

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HOUSING PRODUCTION.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State has a
2 housing crisis. A 2019 study commissioned by the department of
3 business, economic development, and tourism found that the State
4 will require an additional 50,156 homes by the year 2025 in
5 order to meet projected demand. The city and county of Honolulu
6 will require 22,168 new housing units, Hawaii county 13,303 new
7 housing units, Maui county 10,404 new housing units, and Kauai
8 county 4,281 new housing units. While this forecast projects an
9 acute housing shortage, there has been a lack of measurable
10 progress at the county level to enact policies that will
11 stimulate housing production to meet project demand.

12 The purpose of this Act is to require the counties to focus
13 their efforts on being proactive in the production of new
14 housing units by requiring each county to annually authorize the
15 construction of twenty per cent of the forecasted demand by
16 2034.



1 SECTION 2. Chapter 46, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
2 by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately designated
3 and to read as follows:

4 "§46- Housing; county housing production. Commencing
5 with fiscal year 2023-2024 and each year thereafter until fiscal
6 year 2033-2034, each county shall authorize the construction of
7 new housing units as follows:

- 8 (1) For the city and county of Honolulu, 4,434 new housing
- 9 units;
- 10 (2) For the county of Hawaii, 2,660 new housing units;
- 11 (3) For the county of Maui, 2,080 new housing units; and
- 12 (4) For the county of Kauai, 856 new housing units."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

14 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2022 and
15 shall be repealed on June 30, 2034.

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INTRODUCED BY: 



S.B. NO. 2259

Report Title:

Counties; Housing Production; Requirements

Description:

Requires each county to authorize construction for a specified number of new housing units between fiscal years 2023-2034 and 2033-2034. Repeals June 30, 2034.

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