
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO REVIEW THE PERMITTING PROCESS RELATED TO AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE EFFECT OF COUNTY ORDINANCES ON HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is experiencing an unprecedented housing
2 shortage, which has resulted in insufficient affordable housing
3 for the State's residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2020, Continua of Care reported that over six
6 thousand residents of Hawai'i, including nearly five hundred
7 families, were experiencing homelessness; and
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9 WHEREAS, in 2019, the Department of Business, Economic
10 Development, and Tourism issued a report estimating that the
11 State could need an additional forty-six thousand new housing
12 units between 2020 and 2030; and
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14 WHEREAS, to meet Hawai'i's demand for new housing units,
15 additional affordable housing developments are necessary; and
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17 WHEREAS, any solution to the State's housing crisis
18 requires the adoption, application, and enforcement of policies
19 that address county-level barriers to housing finance and
20 development; and
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22 WHEREAS, additional information on the effect of county
23 ordinances on the operations of the Hawaii Housing Finance and
24 Development Corporation is necessary to promote greater access
25 to affordable housing; and
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1 WHEREAS, the permitting processes for affordable housing
2 developments differ among the agencies and departments with
3 jurisdiction over affordable housing development; and
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5 WHEREAS, the lack of consistency and coordination among the
6 State's agencies and departments on affordable housing permits
7 contribute to Hawai'i's housing shortage by increasing
8 inefficiencies in the development of new affordable housing
9 units; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing
14 Finance and Development Corporation is requested to convene a
15 task force to:
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- 17 (1) Review the permitting process for affordable housing
18 for each applicable state agency and department having
19 jurisdiction over affordable housing development; and
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- 21 (2) Conduct a study of the effect of each county's
22 ordinances on housing finance and development on its
23 existing and future inventory of rental and for-sale
24 housing units; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
27 include one member from each agency and department responsible
28 for the development of affordable housing, including:
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- 30 (1) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
31 and Development Corporation, or the Executive
32 Director's designee;
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- 34 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing
35 Authority, or the Executive Director's designee;
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- 37 (3) The director of the affordable housing development
38 agency, office, or department of each county, or the
39 director's designee; and
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- 41 (4) The Chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable, or the
42 Chair's designee; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study is requested to address the following issues:

- (1) The effect of county ordinances on the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation operations under chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes;
- (2) Amendments to chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, that would allow for increased development of housing where at least sixty percent of the units are priced as affordable; and
- (3) Other topics as necessary to identify county-level barriers to housing finance and development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to include in its report to the Legislature recommendations on any options available to streamline the permitting process for affordable housing development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force shall dissolve on June 30, 2024; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, mayor of each county, and Chair of the Hawaii Business Roundtable.

