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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES'  
COMMISSION ON WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT TO CONDUCT A STUDY  
ON WATER RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF AFFORDABLE  
HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the State is currently in a housing crisis and  
2 will require an additional fifty-seven thousand affordable  
3 housing units by 2025 in order to meet long-term housing  
4 demands; and

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6 WHEREAS, from 2016 to 2020, only twenty percent of the  
7 housing needs for local residents below one hundred forty  
8 percent area median income (AMI) was met; and

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10 WHEREAS, according to the Comprehensive Affordable Housing  
11 Plan to the Maui County Council, the Hawaiian Community Assets  
12 provided a plan to build five thousand new affordable homes for  
13 local renters and homebuyers in the next five years; and

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15 WHEREAS, there are limited tools available to Maui County  
16 to meet the needs of extremely and very low-income households  
17 below fifty percent AMI and low-and moderate-income households  
18 between sixty-one percent and one hundred percent AMI; and

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20 WHEREAS, despite the dire need for housing in Maui County,  
21 there are essential factors and concerns regarding the amount of  
22 potable and non-potable water supply available for residents;  
23 and

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25 WHEREAS, from July to October 2021, there was a water  
26 shortage declaration for Upcountry Maui, requesting residents to  
27 conserve water and reduce nonessential uses under a Stage 1  
28 water shortage declaration; and



1 WHEREAS, the Stage 1 water shortage declaration was also  
2 fueled by recent drought situations in Maui County that caused  
3 destructive wildfires; and  
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5 WHEREAS, to address the ongoing shortage of affordable  
6 housing while also planning around drought conditions that  
7 impact water supply, there is a growing need to conduct a study  
8 on the Maui County water capacity to support residents; now,  
9 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 Department of Land  
14 and Natural Resources' Commission on Water Resource Management  
15 is requested to conduct a study on the capacity of potable and  
16 non-potable water in various regions across the County of Maui  
17 to determine if sufficient water capacity exists for the County  
18 to expand its affordable housing supply; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall include but is  
21 not limited to an examination pertaining to the County of Maui  
22 on natural and artificial water sources, water infrastructure,  
23 volume, current use, and projected use of potable and non-  
24 potable water; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study shall further  
27 investigate water resources available to accommodate residential  
28 development; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission on Water  
31 Resource Management is urged to consult and seek input from the  
32 community, any individual, or entity it deems necessary to  
33 complete the study; and  
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commission on Water  
36 Resource Management is requested to submit a report of its  
37 findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
38 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
39 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2023; and  
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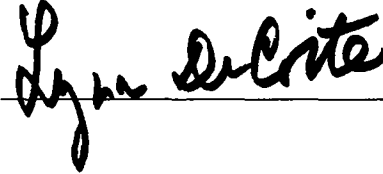
41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the



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1 Department of Land and Natural Resources, Deputy Director of the  
2 Division on Water Resource Management, Mayor of the County of  
3 Maui, and members of the Maui County Council.  
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