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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TO IDENTIFY LANDS IN WEST AND SOUTH MAUI THAT ARE APPROPRIATE FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF KAUHALE HOUSING FOR HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS.

1 WHEREAS, homelessness is a critical issue in the State of
2 Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, according to the Bridging the Gap CoC Homeless
5 Point-in-Time Count, January 23, 2022, report, there were seven
6 hundred forty-one homeless individuals in the County of Maui on
7 January 23, 2022, with three hundred five of those individuals
8 in homeless shelters and four hundred thirty-six of those
9 individuals not in a shelter; and
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11 WHEREAS, providing kauhale housing, which incorporates
12 traditional Hawaiian values of community and sustainability, has
13 been identified as a promising approach to addressing
14 homelessness; and
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16 WHEREAS, west and south Maui have been identified as areas
17 with a high concentration of homeless individuals, and there is
18 a need for more affordable housing in these areas; now,
19 therefore,
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,
23 that the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development is
24 requested to identify lands in west and south Maui that are
25 appropriate for the construction of kauhale housing for homeless
26 individuals; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and
29 Sustainable Development is requested to consult with the County
30 of Maui Department of Housing and Human Concerns, community
31 organizations, and other stakeholders in identifying suitable
32 lands for the construction of kauhale housing; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning and
2 Sustainable Development is requested to submit a report of its
3 findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2024; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Office of
9 Planning and Sustainable Development and Mayor of the County of
10 Maui.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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