HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2024 STATE OF HAWAII

## H.C.R. NO. 218

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROVIDE AN ANNUAL REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE AVAILABILITY AND AFFORDABILITY OF MILITARY HOUSING IN HAWAII.

WHEREAS, the Governor has identified the State's chronic
shortage of affordable housing as the number one economic threat
to Hawaii's families; and

5 WHEREAS, an estimated twenty-four thousand additional 6 housing units are needed to meet the State's current affordable 7 housing demands; and

9 WHEREAS, Hawaii hosts more than two hundred fifty thousand 10 military or military-affiliated personnel and their families, 11 including more than forty-four thousand active duty members, 12 twenty thousand civilians, forty-five thousand dependents, and 13 eighteen thousand retirees; and

15 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense makes rental housing 16 units available for all active duty military members and 17 eligible military-affiliated civilians, including some 18 Department of Defense employees, civil service employees, and 19 military retirees; and

21 WHEREAS, rising rent prices are making military housing 22 increasingly unaffordable for civilian tenants who do not 23 receive a basic housing allowance; and 24

WHEREAS, in 2023, rent prices increased by as much as
\$1,250 per month for some civilian tenants of military housing;
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WHEREAS, civilian tenants who can no longer afford military 1 housing may seek to rent privately owned housing, further 2 exacerbating the State's affordable housing shortage; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, the State would benefit from receiving annual data on the availability and affordability of military housing, to 6 more fully assess Hawaii's current and future needs for 7 8 affordable housing; now, therefore, 9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 10 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 11 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the United States 12 Department of Defense is requested to provide a report to the 13 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of 14 each regular session, beginning with the Regular Session of 15 2025, on the availability and affordability of military housing 16 17 in Hawaii, including: 18 19 (1)The total number of vacant military housing units; 20 The total number of occupied military housing units; 21 (2)22 23 (3) The number of families, if any, on waiting lists for 24 military housing; 25 The number of military housing units occupied by (4) 26 27 civilian tenants, including Department of Defense 28 employees, civil service employees, and military 29 retirees; 30 31 (5) Any changes in rent prices of military housing units for the preceding year; and 32 33 (6) The number of tenants who declined to renew their 34 lease in the preceding year, for reasons other than a 35 36 permanent change of duty station; and 37 38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of Defense, Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Deputy Assistant 40 41 Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy, 42 United States Army Pacific Commanding General, United States



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Navy Pacific Fleet Commander, United States Pacific Air Forces
Commander, United States Marine Corps Forces Pacific Commander,
and United States Coast Guard District Fourteen Commander.

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