
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE, INCLUDING THE NAVY, ARMY, AND AIR FORCE, TO INCREASE ON-BASE HOUSING AVAILABILITY FOR ACTIVE DUTY PERSONNEL AND THEIR DEPENDENTS ASSIGNED TO MILITARY INSTALLATIONS IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, an affordable housing shortage and an increasing
2 homeless population are among the most pressing challenges in
3 the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique strategic position in the Pacific
6 Ocean has led to one of the largest concentrations of United
7 States military forces in the country, as there are over forty-
8 two thousand active duty military personnel assigned to military
9 installations throughout Hawaii as of September 2022; and

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11 WHEREAS, the large number of assigned military personnel to
12 Hawaii results in competition among local civilian residents for
13 limited housing in the State; and

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15 WHEREAS, many military personnel who choose to live off-
16 base are provided a basic housing allowance based on location,
17 pay grade, and whether they have dependents to offset the cost
18 of non-government-provided housing; and

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20 WHEREAS, nationally, about seventy percent of military
21 personnel choose to live off-base; and

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23 WHEREAS, in 2023, the monthly basic housing allowance for
24 military personnel with and without dependents on Oahu ranged
25 from \$3,084 to \$4,608 and \$2,313 to \$3,939, respectively; and

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27 WHEREAS, in instances when multiple military personnel
28 reside together, their combined basic housing allowance allows



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1 them to compete with civilian residents for higher priced
2 housing rentals; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's high cost of living and housing scarcity
5 has resulted in a disproportionately high number of multi-
6 generational households; and

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8 WHEREAS, homeless encampments in the State are increasing,
9 despite significant action by state and county government in the
10 form of emergency homeless shelters, temporary housing, and
11 affordable housing initiatives; and

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13 WHEREAS, a major contributing factor to high rent and
14 limited availability of housing in the State is the demand for
15 housing by active duty military personnel and their dependents;
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18 WHEREAS, increasing on-base housing for active duty
19 military personnel and their dependents will help to alleviate
20 the overall increased demand for housing in the State, resulting
21 in more housing availability for local residents; and

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23 WHEREAS, this body requests that the military recognize the
24 negative housing impact its current housing policy is creating
25 in the State and urges the Department of Defense to take
26 immediate action on this opportunity to be a respectful guest in
27 the islands; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the United States
32 Department of Defense, including the Navy, Army, and Air Force,
33 is requested to increase on-base housing availability for active
34 duty personnel and their dependents assigned to military
35 installations in the State; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commander of Joint Base
38 Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Senior Commander of the United States Army
39 Garrison Hawaii, and Commanding Officer of the Marines Corps
40 Base Hawaii are requested to support construction of additional
41 on-base housing to house at least ninety percent of their active
42 duty personnel and their dependents by 2030; and

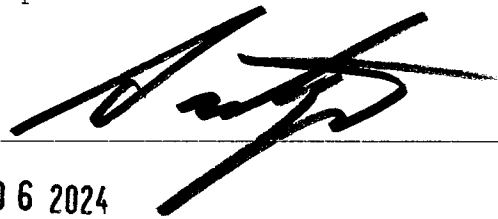


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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of Defense; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy, Installations, and Environment; all Service Secretaries of the United States Armed Forces; Commander of the United States Indo-Pacific Command; Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Senior Commander of the United States Army Garrison Hawaii, and Commanding Officer of the Marines Corps Base Hawaii.

OFFERED BY: _____

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