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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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4 RESOLVING TO END HOMELESSNESS ON MAUI.  
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8 WHEREAS, Hawai'i has one of the most severe homelessness  
9 epidemics In the U.S.A.; and  
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11 WHEREAS, the 2023 point in time count determined there were  
12 6223 homeless in the state of Hawai'i and 704 on Maui before the  
13 August 8, 2023 wildfires; and  
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15 WHEREAS, per the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban  
16 Development's 2023 Annual Homeless Assessment Report, Hawai'i  
17 had the highest percentage of people experiencing chronic  
18 homelessness; and  
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20 WHEREAS, Hawai'i also had the third highest rate of homeless  
21 youth staying in unsheltered locations; and  
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23 WHEREAS, recent Maui Fires have increased homelessness; and  
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25 WHEREAS, homelessness can have many causes including family  
26 violence, limited housing opportunities, lack of adequate  
27 employment, substance addiction, mental/physical health  
28 conditions, trauma, lack of adequate employment and other  
29 factors; and  
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31 WHEREAS, Hawai'i's housing costs are extremely high and  
32 average incomes fail to meet criteria for rentals; and  
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34 WHEREAS, the price of housing in Hawai'i is a large factor  
35 in why the homeless population is growing; and  
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37 WHEREAS, it is extremely difficult to find affordable  
38 housing in Hawai'i; and



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WHEREAS, native Hawaiians are particularly susceptible to homelessness; and

WHEREAS, housing people reduces suffering; and

WHEREAS, housing people reduces medical costs; and

WHEREAS, living on the streets frequently leads to an early death; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2024, that significantly increased efforts must be made to house people in Hawai'i; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request of the Governor and his Coordinator on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to secure a viable location on Maui and build at least 450 homes for the displaced victims of the Lahaina wildfires; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we request of the Governor and his Coordinator on Homelessness and Housing Solutions to secure at least two different geographic locations on Maui to build a Kauhale for any displaced Lahaina wildfire victims as well as homeless prior to the August 8, 2023 wildfires and ensure outreach services to provide for mental health, crisis stabilization, along with any wraparound social services for all residents of the new housing units; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Maui needs to house an estimated 800 homeless and the State will move forward with compassion and aloha to help these people by constructing new housing units on Maui; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State and the people of Hawai'i want to house the houseless, shelter those with no shelter, and find homes for all of the housing insecure; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to The Honorable Governor Joshua Green, The Honorable State Coordinator on Homelessness and



1 Housing Solutions John Mizuno, The Speaker of the House of  
2 Representatives Scott Saiki, Hawai'i Department of Human Services  
3 Director Cathy Betts, Hawai'i Department of Health Director  
4 Kenneth Fink, County of Maui Mayor Richard Bissen, County of  
5 Maui Homelessness coordinator, County of Maui Council Chair  
6 Alice Lee, County of Maui Vice Chair Yuki Lei Sugimura, County  
7 of Maui Presiding Officer Pro Tempore Tasha Kama, and County of  
8 Maui Councilmembers Tom Cook, Gabe Johnson, Tamara Paltin, Keani  
9 Rawlins-Fernandez, Shane Sinenci, and Nohelani U'u-Hodgins.

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