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## HOUSE 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  
29 them to compete with civilian residents for higher priced  
30 housing rentals; and

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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's high cost of living and housing scarcity  
2 has resulted in a disproportionately high number of multi-  
3 generational households; and

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

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

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

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

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

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Resolution be transmitted to the United States Secretary of

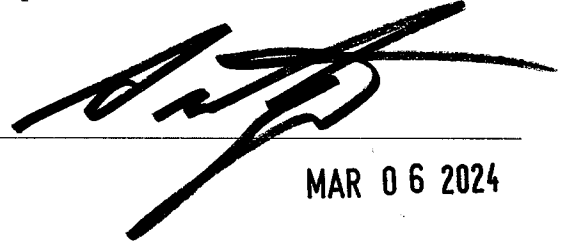


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1 Defense; Assistant Secretary of Defense for Energy,  
2 Installations, and Environment; all Service Secretaries of the  
3 United States Armed Forces; Commander of the United States Indo-  
4 Pacific Command; Commander of Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam,  
5 Senior Commander of the United States Army Garrison Hawaii, and  
6 Commanding Officer of the Marines Corps Base Hawaii.

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