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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY TO CONSIDER  
UTILIZING FUNDS FOR NON-CONGREGATE HOUSING FOR  
INFRASTRUCTURE AND DEVELOPMENT NEEDS FOR AFFORDABLE RENTAL  
HOUSING.

1           WHEREAS, the devastating wildfires in Maui have left  
2 thousands of residents displaced from their homes; and

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4           WHEREAS, the ongoing chronic housing crisis on Maui created  
5 housing instability and shortages for Maui families; and

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7           WHEREAS, an estimated one thousand six hundred renters have  
8 been displaced by the August 2023 Maui wildfires; and

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10          WHEREAS, the majority of residents displaced have expressed  
11 a desire to live in an area geographically near to where their  
12 residences were before the wildfires; and

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14          WHEREAS, federal emergency housing relief is presently  
15 providing temporary rental assistance to displaced families; and

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17          WHEREAS, the development time for affordable rental housing  
18 is anticipated to be five to ten years; and

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20          WHEREAS, displaced renters and homeowners will need short-  
21 term housing solutions beyond subsidized rentals while housing  
22 is developed or rebuilt; and

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24          WHEREAS, meeting the need for additional affordable rental  
25 housing is critical to ensure adequate support for renters as  
26 federal aid subsidies; and

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28          WHEREAS, federal emergency housing relief can be utilized  
29 to create short-term rentals that can be sustained after the  
30 Federal Emergency Management Agency mission ends; now,  
31 therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
 3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the  
 4 House of Representatives concurring, that the Federal Emergency  
 5 Management Agency is urged to consider utilizing funds for non-  
 6 congregate housing for infrastructure and development needs for  
 7 affordable rental housing; and

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 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Emergency  
 10 Management Agency is urged to provide the State with clear  
 11 parameters on the authorized uses of federal financial  
 12 assistance; and

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 14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Emergency  
 15 Management Agency is urged to provide a decision-making tree for  
 16 federal support actions; and

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 18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Emergency  
 19 Management is requested to transfer to the State post-disaster  
 20 mission any public assistance expenditures that will remain; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Federal Emergency  
 23 Management Agency is urged to clarify the long-term commitment  
 24 for continued Maui wildfire disaster-related support including  
 25 housing for displaced residents; and

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 27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Acting Director of  
 29 Readiness of the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

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