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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY TO UTILIZE THE STATE'S RENTAL SUPPLEMENT PROGRAM TO PROVIDE HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE PREMIUM ASSISTANCE TO HOUSING OWNERS WHO RENT OR LEASE TO QUALIFIED KUPUNA A MORTGAGE PROPERTY WITHIN DESIGNATED LAVA ZONES.

1 WHEREAS, the eruption of Kilauea on the Big Island over
2 five years ago continues to impact residents living in the lava
3 zones, as yearly homeowners insurance premiums have increased
4 more than six times what they were a number of years ago; and
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6 WHEREAS, housing in the lava zones was once an affordable
7 option for many residents, but the growing insurance expenses
8 have resulted in higher rents being charged in the area to
9 offset the insurance increases; and
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11 WHEREAS, over twenty-five percent of older adults in the
12 State are classified as low income; and
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14 WHEREAS, many kupuna often live on a fixed income from
15 pensions or other retirement plans and social security; and
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17 WHEREAS, many kupuna potentially face homelessness as rents
18 continue to skyrocket; and
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20 WHEREAS, the high cost of living in the State, fixed income
21 and complex health needs of older adults, rapidly increasing
22 rents, and the declining availability of affordable housing make
23 rental assistance for qualifying older adults a necessity; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Public Housing Authority administers
26 the State's Rent Supplement/Rent Subsidy Program to help
27 eligible families pay for part of their monthly rent; and
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29 WHEREAS, this program should be utilized to help provide
30 homeowners insurance premium assistance to housing owners who



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1 rent or lease to qualified kupuna to help reduce their rent
2 costs; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Public
7 Housing Authority is requested to utilize the State's Rent
8 Supplement Program to provide homeowners insurance premium
9 assistance to housing owners who rent or lease to qualified
10 kupuna a mortgaged property located within an area designated as
11 lava zone 1 or lava zone 2, as identified by the United States
12 Geological Survey Lava-Flow Hazard Zone Map, Island of Hawaii;
13 and

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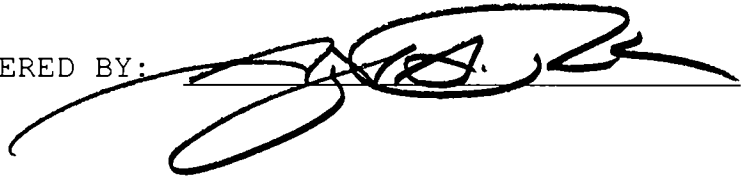
15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
17 of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

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OFFERED BY:

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