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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO ADOPT ADMINISTRATIVE RULES THAT PREEMPT THE COUNTIES FROM IMPOSING RESIDENTIAL INCOME REQUIREMENTS ON HOUSING PROJECTS SUBJECT TO SECTION 201H-38, HAWAII REVISED STATUTES, THAT ARE LOWER THAN THOSE ADOPTED OR ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE.

WHEREAS, the State has a pervasive housing crisis; and 1 2 WHEREAS, the State has both the highest median home prices 3 4 and the highest level of regulation on housing development, placing stress on residents and housing developers within the 5 State; and 6 7 WHEREAS, there exists inconsistent housing regulations 8 between the State and counties that contribute to the State's 9 high home prices; and 10 11 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised 12 Statutes, the legislative bodies of each county are authorized 13 to approve, modify, or disapprove certain affordable housing 14 projects subject to residential income requirements established 15 by each county; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, the State's housing strategies are undermined when the residential income requirements on housing projects 19 established by the counties are lower than those adopted or 20 established by the State; now, therefore, 21 22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second 23 24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Housing 25 Finance and Development Corporation (HHFDC) is requested to 26 adopt administrative rules that preempt the counties from 27 imposing residential income requirements on housing projects 28



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subject to section 201H-38, Hawaii Revised Statutes, lower than 1 2 those adopted or established by the State; and 3 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HHFDC is requested to amend 4 5 its application process for developers seeking expedited processing and exemptions for housing projects pursuant to 6 chapter 201H, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to preempt any 7 8 affordability threshold criteria established by any county that is lower than those adopted or established by the State; and 9 10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Executive 12 13 Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development 14 Corporation; Chairperson of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation Board of Directors; Chief Housing 15 16 Officer; and Director of Business, Economic Development, and 17 Tourism. 18 19 20

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