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# SENATE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT FLEXIBLE SETBACK REQUIREMENTS  
FOR STATE BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES TO ENHANCE LAND USE  
EFFICIENCY AND PUBLIC SERVICE DELIVERY.

1           WHEREAS, setback requirements, which mandate minimum  
2 distances between structures and property lines, are established  
3 to ensure safety, privacy, and aesthetic standards in urban  
4 planning; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii is committed to optimizing the  
7 use of public lands to serve the community effectively; and

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9           WHEREAS, strict adherence to uniform setback requirements  
10 may limit the State's ability to develop or renovate public  
11 buildings and facilities in a manner that maximizes land use  
12 efficiency; and

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14           WHEREAS, other jurisdictions have implemented flexible  
15 setback policies or granted variances to accommodate the unique  
16 needs of public buildings, thereby promoting greater density and  
17 more efficient use of public resources; and

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19           WHEREAS, this flexibility can lead to improved public  
20 service delivery by allowing state facilities to be more  
21 appropriately sized and located; now, therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
24 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,  
25 that the counties are requested to adopt flexible setback  
26 requirements or establish variance procedures specifically for  
27 state buildings and facilities to enhance land use efficiency  
28 and public service delivery; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this measure be  
31 transmitted to the mayors and chairs of the county councils of  
32 the Counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii, and the City and County  
33 of Honolulu.



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