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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND DEVELOPERS TO COORDINATE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS AND COLLABORATE WITH STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE BE IN PLACE PRIOR TO BUILDING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's state infrastructure received an overall 1 2 D+ rating, according to a report from the American Society of Civil Engineers; and 3 4 5 WHEREAS, for decades, the needs of Hawaii infrastructure have been overlooked, used beyond their structural life span, 6 and struggle from a lack of systemic financing; and 7 8 9 WHEREAS, the State was fortunate to receive a \$6.6 million 10 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, however, this hardly covers the estimated \$1.1 11 12 billion in unfunded infrastructure needs; and 13 14 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has had a poor track record with prematurely awarding development contracts; 15 16 and 17 WHEREAS, developers continue to race to build new homes 18 19 without the proper infrastructure in place or the foresight for 20 the communities' needs following new housing developments; and 21 22 WHEREAS, West Oahu has been experiencing an influx of 23 development without the proper upgrades to infrastructure; and 24 25 WHEREAS, the issues of inadequate infrastructure have led to the delays of countless housing options to address the 26 27 State's fifty-thousand-unit housing shortage; and 28

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1 WHEREAS, the 2024 annual report of the Hawaii Interagency Council for Transit-Oriented Development found key 2 3 recommendations such as coordinating State and county infrastructure plans and revising county policies to enhance 4 5 existing tools and improve market conditions; and 6 7 WHEREAS, this body finds that the State cannot adequately 8 address the housing demands that residents have until overcoming infrastructural needs; now, therefore, 9 10 11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 12 13 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of 14 Honolulu and developers are urged to coordinate their infrastructure plans and collaborate with stakeholders to ensure 15 adequate infrastructure be in place prior to building new 16 17 housing developments; and 18 19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Mayor of the City and 21 22 County of Honolulu, City Councilmember representing District 1, 23 Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting of 24 Honolulu, President of D.R. Horton, and President of Gentry 25 Homes. 26 27 28 OFFERED BY:

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