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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, IN COORDINATION WITH THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO EVALUATE THE FEASIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING STATE-OWNED OR STATE-CONTROLLED WAREHOUSE AND LOGISTICS FACILITIES NEAR PORTS, HARBORS, AND AIRPORTS TO REDUCE MATERIAL COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH PUBLICLY FINANCED HOUSING PROJECTS.

1           WHEREAS, the State continues to face a critical shortage of  
2 affordable housing, and the high cost of construction materials  
3 significantly contributes to the overall cost of publicly  
4 financed housing projects; and

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6           WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic isolation and reliance on  
7 imported building materials increase transportation, storage,  
8 and handling costs; and

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10           WHEREAS, centralized warehouse and logistics facilities  
11 located near ports, harbors, and airports may allow the State to  
12 leverage bulk purchasing, improve supply chain coordination,  
13 reduce delays, and stabilize material costs for publicly  
14 financed housing developments; and

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16           WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation oversees the  
17 State's airports, harbors, and related transportation  
18 infrastructure and is well positioned to evaluate potential  
19 sites and logistical considerations; and

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21           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
22 Corporation administers programs that finance and support the  
23 development of affordable housing statewide and can provide  
24 expertise regarding housing development needs and cost drivers;  
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27           WHEREAS, collaboration among relevant state agencies,  
28 housing developers, contractors, labor representatives, and



1 supply chain experts is necessary to assess the feasibility,  
2 costs, benefits, governance structure, and potential funding  
3 mechanisms for state-owned or state-controlled warehouse and  
4 logistics facilities; now, therefore,

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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
7 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,  
8 that the Department of Transportation, in coordination with the  
9 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, is requested  
10 to convene a working group to evaluate the feasibility of  
11 establishing state-owned or state-controlled warehouse and  
12 logistics facilities near ports, harbors, and airports to reduce  
13 material costs associated with publicly financed housing  
14 projects; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
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19 (1) Identify suitable state-owned lands proximate to  
20 ports, harbors, and airports;
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22 (2) Evaluate potential cost savings through centralized  
23 storage and coordinated logistics;
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25 (3) Analyze the feasibility of bulk purchasing or material  
26 staging models;
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28 (4) Assess long-term cost impacts on per-unit housing  
29 development;
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31 (5) Examine public-private partnership opportunities;
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33 (6) Evaluate potential capital improvement funding  
34 mechanisms;
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36 (7) Consider operational models that avoid displacement of  
37 private sector services; and
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39 (8) Identify any statutory changes necessary to implement  
40 recommendations; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working  
2 group include:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
- 5 designee, who shall serve as Chairperson of the
- 6 working group;
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- 8 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
- 9 and Development Corporation, or the Executive
- 10 Director's designee;
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- 12 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or
- 13 the Chairperson's designee;
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- 15 (4) A representative from Pacific Resource Partnership to
- 16 be invited by the Chairperson;
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- 18 (5) A representative from the General Contractors
- 19 Association of Hawaii to be invited by the
- 20 Chairperson;
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- 22 (6) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 23 Transportation, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 25 (7) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
- 26 Standing Committee on Transportation, or the
- 27 Chairperson's designee;
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- 29 (8) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 30 Housing, or the Chairperson's designee; and
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- 32 (9) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
- 33 Standing Committee on Housing, or the Chairperson's
- 34 designee; and
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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
37 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
38 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
39 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
40 of 2027; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation,  
3 Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
4 Corporation, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission,  
5 Executive Director of Pacific Resource Partnership, and  
6 Executive Director of the General Contractors Association of  
7 Hawaii.

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