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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO TRANSFER PARCELS THAT MAKE UP THE EAST KAPOLEI TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT PROJECT TO THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND URGING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS AND HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO FACILITATE THE DEVELOPMENT OF NON-HOUSING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PORTIONS OF THE PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council adopted the East Kapolei  
2 Neighborhood Transit-Oriented Development Plan in December 2020  
3 to guide long-term land use, zoning, and infrastructure  
4 decisions for communities surrounding the Kualakai (East  
5 Kapolei), Keoneae (University of Hawaii - West Oahu), and  
6 Honouliuli (Hoopili) rail stations; and

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8 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources owns  
9 several parcels within the plan area, including the following  
10 tax map keys:

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12 (1) (1) 9-1-016:008;

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14 (2) (1) 9-1-018:008;

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16 (3) (1) 9-1-018:014; and

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18 (4) (1) 9-1-017:097; and

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20 WHEREAS, the East Kapolei Strategic Development Plan,  
21 published in December 2020 by R.M. Towill Corporation for the  
22 Department of Land and Natural Resources, conceptualized  
23 development alternatives for these parcels, which collectively  
24 form the East Kapolei Transit-Oriented Development Project  
25 (Project), consisting of three non-contiguous sites known as the



1 Keoneae Station Area, Kualakai Parkway West, and Kualakai  
2 Parkway East; and  
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4 WHEREAS, the Project contemplates a land exchange with D.R.  
5 Horton-Schuler Homes, LLC, in which the Keoneae Station Area  
6 site of the Project would be expanded by two parcels with the  
7 following tax map keys:  
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9 (1) (1) 9-1-017:193 (por.); and  
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11 (2) (1) 9-1-017:163; and  
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13 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources  
14 conducted public scoping meetings in November 2022 and September  
15 2024, and the draft Environmental Impact Statement for the  
16 Project was published in the July 23, 2025, edition of "The  
17 Environmental Notice"; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the proposed Project includes approximately one  
20 thousand affordable rental units, in addition to proposals for  
21 facilities supporting commercial, retail, hotel, medical, light  
22 industrial, and business park uses, and a park-and-ride facility  
23 for the Keoneae rail station; and  
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25 WHEREAS, significant infrastructure improvements will be  
26 required to ensure the Project's connectivity, utility access,  
27 and ability to support the proposed housing and other community  
28 uses; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
31 Corporation is statutorily authorized to plan, develop,  
32 construct, and finance housing projects, including mixed-use  
33 development, and regularly procures and oversees developers for  
34 projects on state-owned land, including the Front Street  
35 Apartments Redevelopment Project, Pohukaina Commons, and Kahului  
36 Civic Center Mixed-Use Complex; and  
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38 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
39 Corporation has financing capabilities, including the Dwelling  
40 Unit Revolving Fund, that may be used for infrastructure and  
41 predevelopment costs, and its Executive Director also serves as



1 co-chair of the Statewide Transit-Oriented Development Council;  
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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority has  
5 authority under Act 184, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022, and Act  
6 252, Session Laws of Hawaii 2025, to establish transit-oriented  
7 development infrastructure improvement program areas to  
8 facilitate needed infrastructure in county-designated transit-  
9 oriented development zones; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
12 Corporation, Hawaii Community Development Authority, and  
13 University of Hawaii - West Oahu are jointly pursuing another  
14 transit-oriented development-based housing project in the same  
15 region, demonstrating the effectiveness of coordinated agency  
16 responsibilities; and

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18 WHEREAS, this body encourages state agencies to align  
19 responsibilities with their core functions, as demonstrated by  
20 the transfer of the Pohukaina Commons parcel from the Department  
21 of Land and Natural Resources to the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
22 Development Corporation under Executive Order 4533 for  
23 educational and affordable housing purposes, enabling the  
24 Corporation to procure a developer that is now subdividing the  
25 property to provide a portion to the Department of Education;  
26 and

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28 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
29 Corporation is the state agency best positioned to undertake the  
30 East Kapolei Transit-Oriented Development Project due to its  
31 core housing-related mission, relevant expertise, and  
32 established partnership with the Hawaii Community Development  
33 Authority for infrastructure and mixed-use development; now,  
34 therefore,

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36 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
37 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
38 of 2026, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Land and  
39 Natural Resources is urged to transfer the parcels that make up  
40 its East Kapolei Transit-Oriented Development Project to the  
41 Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
2 Development Corporation is urged to share revenue generated from  
3 the Project with the Department of Land and Natural Resources;  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and  
7 Development Corporation is urged to partner with the Department  
8 of Hawaiian Home Lands and Hawaii Community Development  
9 Authority to advance non-housing community development and lead  
10 planning and infrastructure construction across the entire  
11 Project area; and

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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
15 Board of Land and Natural Resources; Chairperson of the Hawaiian  
16 Homes Commission; Executive Director of Hawaii Housing Finance  
17 and Development Corporation; and Executive Director of Hawaii  
18 Community Development Authority.

