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SENATE CONCURRENT 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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1 WHEREAS, collaboration among relevant state agencies,
2 housing developers, contractors, labor representatives, and
3 supply chain experts is necessary to assess the feasibility,
4 costs, benefits, governance structure, and potential funding
5 mechanisms for state-owned or state-controlled warehouse and
6 logistics facilities; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
10 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
11 Transportation, in coordination with the Hawaii Housing Finance
12 and Development Corporation, is requested to convene a working
13 group to evaluate the feasibility of establishing state-owned or
14 state-controlled warehouse and logistics facilities near ports,
15 harbors, and airports to reduce material costs associated with
16 publicly financed housing projects; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
19 to:
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- 21 (1) Identify suitable state-owned lands proximate to
22 ports, harbors, and airports;
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- 24 (2) Evaluate potential cost savings through centralized
25 storage and coordinated logistics;
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- 27 (3) Analyze the feasibility of bulk purchasing or material
28 staging models;
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- 30 (4) Assess long-term cost impacts on per-unit housing
31 development;
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- 33 (5) Examine public-private partnership opportunities;
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- 35 (6) Evaluate potential capital improvement funding
36 mechanisms;
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- 38 (7) Consider operational models that avoid displacement of
39 private sector services; and
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- 41 (8) Identify any statutory changes necessary to implement
42 recommendations; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the working
3 group include:

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- 5 (1) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
6 designee, who shall serve as Chairperson of the
7 working group;
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 - 9 (2) The Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
10 and Development Corporation, or the Executive
11 Director's designee;
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 - 13 (3) The Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes Commission, or
14 the Chairperson's designee;
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 - 16 (4) A representative from Pacific Resource Partnership to
17 be invited by the Chairperson;
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 - 19 (5) A representative from the General Contractors
20 Association of Hawaii to be invited by the
21 Chairperson;
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 - 23 (6) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
24 Standing Committee on Housing, or the Chairperson's
25 designee; and
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 - 27 (7) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
28 Housing, or the Chairperson's designee; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
31 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
32 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
33 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
34 of 2027; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
38 Transportation, Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance
39 and Development Corporation, Chairperson of the Hawaiian Homes
40 Commission, Executive Director of Pacific Resource Partnership,
41 and Executive Director of the General Contractors Association of
42 Hawaii.



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