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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII PUBLIC HOUSING AUTHORITY, DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES' HOMELESS PROGRAMS OFFICE, STATEWIDE OFFICE ON HOMELESSNESS AND HOUSING SOLUTIONS, AND HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CREATE A HOUSING LADDER PROGRAM TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES GRADUATE INTO UNSUBSIDIZED HOUSING.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii continues to face a  
2 significant shortage of affordable housing, with demand for  
3 subsidized housing programs exceeding available units and  
4 resources; and

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6 WHEREAS, thousands of individuals and families remain on  
7 waiting lists for public housing, housing vouchers, and other  
8 housing assistance programs; and

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10 WHEREAS, many public housing and housing assistance  
11 programs are designed to provide stability and a pathway toward  
12 greater self-sufficiency for program participants; and

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14 WHEREAS, helping participants who have achieved greater  
15 financial stability transition into market-rate or  
16 non-subsidized housing can create opportunities for additional  
17 individuals and families who are currently waiting for  
18 assistance; and

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20 WHEREAS, implementing policies and programs that encourage  
21 and support upward mobility by means of a "housing ladder"  
22 approach can help ensure that limited public resources are used  
23 efficiently while maintaining stability for program  
24 participants; and

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26 WHEREAS, a housing ladder and other "move-up" strategies  
27 may include financial counseling, savings incentives,  
28 transitional rental assistance, tenant education, workforce  
29 training, connection to critical behavioral and physical health



1 supportive services, and partnerships with private housing  
2 providers; and

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4 WHEREAS, coordination among the Department of Human  
5 Services' Homeless Programs Office, Statewide Office on  
6 Homelessness and Housing Solutions, Hawaii Public Housing  
7 Authority, and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
8 Corporation would help ensure a comprehensive and coordinated  
9 strategy across the State's housing programs; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the  
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
14 Human Services' Homeless Programs Office, Statewide Office on  
15 Homelessness and Housing Solutions, Hawaii Public Housing  
16 Authority, and Hawaii Housing Finance and Development  
17 Corporation are urged to collaboratively create a housing ladder  
18 program to help eligible participants transition from subsidized  
19 housing programs into non-subsidized housing; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the housing ladder program may  
22 include strategies to:

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- 24 (1) Encourage and support upward housing mobility for  
25 program participants;
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27 (2) Provide financial literacy and counseling services;
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29 (3) Create access to workforce training and skill building  
30 in occupations that can support financial  
31 self-sufficiency;
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33 (4) Identify transitional supports to assist participants  
34 in moving into market-rate housing;
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36 (5) Partner with private sector housing providers to  
37 expand housing opportunities based on the identified  
38 needs within the housing ladder program; and
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40 (6) Ensure that individuals transitioning out of  
41 subsidized housing can maintain long-term housing  
42 stability; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborating agencies are urged to solicit feedback from other state departments or agencies that may be able to assist with the housing ladder program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the collaborating agencies are requested to submit a report of their findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Director of the Department of Human Services, Director of the Statewide Office on Homelessness and Housing Solutions, and Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation.

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