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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO REDEVELOP THE PALI LANES PROPERTY TO PRESERVE ITS HISTORIC MID-CENTURY ARCHITECTURE AND PROVIDE FOR MEANINGFUL RECREATIONAL, CULTURAL, AND COMMUNITY-SERVING USES THAT BENEFIT THE RESIDENTS OF KAILUA AND WINDWARD OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Pali Lanes property located in Kailua, Oahu,
2 served as a community institution for sixty years before its
3 closure in 2021, providing generations of residents an
4 accessible and affordable recreational facility and a venue for
5 youth sports, community events, social gatherings, hula halau
6 performances, nonprofit organizations, and Special Olympics
7 events; and

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9 WHEREAS, the facility played a significant role in building
10 community identity and a sense of place for Kailua and Windward
11 Oahu as a whole; and

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13 WHEREAS, since the closure of Pali Lanes in 2021, the
14 property has remained vacant while proposals contemplating for-
15 profit redevelopment concepts have faced significant community
16 concern; and

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18 WHEREAS, opportunities to preserve affordable and
19 accessible community recreational and gathering spaces in
20 Kailua, Oahu, are extremely limited due to rising land costs and
21 limited land availability; and

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23 WHEREAS, proper redevelopment of the property could
24 facilitate its renovation to preserve its historic mid-century
25 architecture, and support recreational, cultural, and community-
26 serving uses that benefit residents of Kailua and Windward Oahu;
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29 WHEREAS, strong public support has been expressed for
30 preserving the property for community recreation, gathering
31 space, and public use, including support from elected officials,
32 community leaders, the Kailua Neighborhood Board, and numerous



1 petitions and surveys representing thousands of residents; now,
2 therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026,
6 that appropriate authorities are urged to redevelop the Pali
7 Lanes property to preserve its historic mid-century architecture
8 and provide for meaningful recreational, cultural, and
9 community-serving uses that benefit the residents of Kailua and
10 Windward Oahu; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, should a renovation for public
13 benefit not materialize, the Department of Land and Natural
14 Resources is requested to evaluate options to acquire the parcel
15 of land with improvements thereon located at 120 Hekili Street,
16 including the facility of Pali Lanes, for the purpose of
17 preserving and maintaining the property for the benefit of the
18 public; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
22 Land and Natural Resources, Administrator of the State Historic
23 Preservation Division, Chair of the Kailua Neighborhood Board
24 No. 31, and Chief Executive Officer of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.

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OFFERED BY: 

