HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII HOUSING FINANCE AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO CONDUCT A STUDY OR PREPARE A REPORT WITH EXISTING DATA REGARDING AFFORDABLE HOUSING ON LANAI AND MOLOKAI.

WHEREAS, the shortage of available housing in the State has become a crisis that continues to worsen every year as the demand for housing continues to grow far more rapidly than supply; and

WHEREAS, in addition, the cost of housing continues to grow faster than the State's median income, resulting in more Hawaii residents being priced out of the housing market; and

WHEREAS, stable housing is the foundation for a strong middle class; and

WHEREAS, if the State fails to address this issue, more residents will be forced to move away from Hawaii to obtain housing they can afford; and

WHEREAS, an October 2020 report from the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization warned that more Hawaii residents were moving to the mainland in the wake of the coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, accelerating a trend that was already occurring due to the State's high cost of living and lack of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, although the housing shortage is widely recognized statewide, the need for housing is of particularly great concern to rural areas such as Lanai and Molokai; and

WHEREAS, as Hawaii rebuilds its economy from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is essential that the State use its limited resources to efficiently and effectively grow the available
affordable housing inventory so that housing will be available
for the residents of Lanai and Molokai and their families; and

WHEREAS, better information is needed to understand how to
tackle the affordable housing shortage; and

WHEREAS, policymakers need to know the number of housing
units and types of housing that are currently available, the
number of housing units that are currently being constructed,
and what future housing projects are currently being planned;
and

WHEREAS, monies used to construct affordable housing comes
from a variety of sources, including federal, state, county, and
private sources; and

WHEREAS, to create an effective housing plan, policymakers
must know how those different funding sources are being
allocated and utilized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
of 2021, that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development
Corporation is requested to conduct a study or prepare a report
with existing data regarding affordable housing on Lanai and
Molokai; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and
Development Corporation is requested to include in the study or
report:

(1) A breakdown of funds expended, including the amounts
from federal, state, county, and private sources
relating to housing for Lanai and Molokai;

(2) The total number of available affordable housing units
on Lanai and Molokai;

(3) The total number of available housing units on Lanai
and Molokai, including a breakdown by:

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(A) Number of single-family homes, further subdivided by number of bedrooms; and

(B) Number of condominium homes, further subdivided by number of bedrooms;

(4) The total number of housing units and residential developments that are planned to be constructed on Lanai and Molokai, including what percentage of the units proposed to be built are considered affordable; and

(5) Whether there are policies in place that hinder the availability of affordable housing on Lanai and Molokai; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is requested to consult with any person or agency in the preparation of the study or report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each agency of the State and its political subdivisions is requested to provide to the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation any specific data, information, and assistance that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation requests for the purpose of the study or report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation is requested to submit the study or report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2022; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation, Mayor of the County of Maui, and Director of Housing and Human Concerns of the County of Maui.