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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOMMENDING THAT REALTORS PROMOTE THE PRINCIPLES OF UNIVERSAL  
DESIGN.

1           WHEREAS, "universal design" is defined as the design of  
2 products and environments to be usable by all people, to the  
3 greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or  
4 specialized design; and

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6           WHEREAS, universal design involves designing products  
7 considering various factors, including but not limited to,  
8 aesthetics, engineering options, environmental issues, industry  
9 standards, safety concerns, and cost; and

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11           WHEREAS, the principles of universal design were developed  
12 in 1997 at the Center for Universal Design at North Carolina  
13 State University by a group that included architects, product  
14 designers, engineers, and environmental design researchers; and

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16           WHEREAS, the principles of universal design are: (1)  
17 equitable use, (2) flexibility in use, (3) simple and intuitive,  
18 (4) perceptible information, (5) tolerance for error, (6) low  
19 physical effort, and (7) size and space for approach and use;  
20 and

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22           WHEREAS, in the field of real estate, universal design  
23 includes the incorporation of such features as no step entries,  
24 one-story living, wide doorways, wide hallways, and extra floor  
25 space; and

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27           -WHEREAS, the legislature finds that the principles of  
28 universal design should be promoted within the field of real  
29 estate marketing; now, therefore,

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31           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the  
33 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Association



1 of Realtors are encouraged and requested to promote the  
2 marketing of properties which incorporate the principles of  
3 universal design into their design; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of  
6 Realtors are requested to develop standards for determining  
7 whether a property incorporates universal design principles into  
8 its design; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of  
11 Realtors are requested to designate a symbol, to be include  
12 within their listing of a property, which would indicate whether  
13 a property satisfied their standards for determining whether a  
14 property has incorporated universal design principles into its  
15 design; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Association of  
18 Realtors are requested to report to the Legislature regarding  
19 the establishment of these standards and the designation of a  
20 symbol not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
21 Regular Session of 2009; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Hawaii Association  
25 of Realtors.  
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