

## **EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 07-02**

WHEREAS, it is critically important for communities to continually address the need for affordable housing for its citizens and workforce, particularly for nurses, firefighters, police officers, returning veterans, and service industry employees; and

WHEREAS, providing decent, attractive, and affordable housing will help the economic vitality of the State of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, housing experts agree that regulatory barriers can significantly add to the cost of housing or even prevent construction of housing; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development created the America's Affordable Communities Initiative to help communities address the need for regulatory reform and to help reduce the costs of affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development encourages local communities to develop local solutions and programs to address regulatory barriers to affordable housing; and

WHEREAS, the Department of Housing and Urban Development, through the America's Affordable Communities Initiative, has created the National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform and is asking communities to make a pledge to form task forces to examine their own regulations and to become a participant in the National Call to Action; and

WHEREAS, the National Call to Action will create a network of participants around the country that can share progress, ideas, solutions, and information with one another; and

WHEREAS, the Governor of Hawaii has found it to be in the public interest of serving the citizens of the State of Hawaii for the State of Hawaii to commit to the pledge and to become a participant in the National Call to Action and the Governor of Hawaii intends to accept, by notification sent to the Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development, the call to become an active participant in the National Call to Action for Affordable Housing Through Regulatory Reform; and

WHEREAS, section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, authorizes the Governor of Hawaii to establish such temporary boards and commissions as the Governor "may deem necessary to gather information or furnish advice for the executive branch" and to prescribe the temporary board or commission's "organization, functions and authority";

NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE, Governor of Hawaii, pursuant to the provisions of section 26-41, Hawaii Revised Statutes, do hereby establish a temporary board to be known as the Affordable Housing Regulatory Barriers Task Force and further order as follows:

1. The Affordable Housing Regulatory Barriers Task Force shall review information and recommendations concerning regulatory barriers in the State of Hawaii and recommend to the Governor of Hawaii in written reports the solutions that should be implemented to achieve the regulatory reform needed to help reduce the costs of affordable housing.

2. The Affordable Housing Regulatory Barriers Task Force shall review the state and county regulatory requirements and provide written reports and recommendations for solutions to achieve the state and county government regulatory reform needed to help reduce the costs of affordable housing.

3. The Task Force shall consist of twenty-one voting members appointed by the Governor. The Governor shall appoint members of the Task Force from state government agencies and from the business, professional, and nonprofit communities. The Governor shall designate the chairperson of the Task Force. Members may create other offices and elect other subordinate officers or form subject matter committees as they deem appropriate. The members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but shall be entitled to reimbursement for necessary expenses while attending meetings and while in the discharge of their duties and responsibilities under this Executive Order.

4. Meetings of the Task Force shall be subject to the Sunshine Law, part I of chapter 92, Hawaii Revised Statutes. A majority of the members of the Task Force shall constitute a quorum to do business and to validate any decision or act of the Task Force.

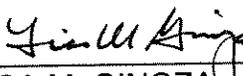
5. The Task Force shall be terminated upon completion of its duties and responsibilities, but no later than the last day of the second regular session of the Legislature after the date of this Executive Order.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of Hawaii.

DONE at the State Capitol, Honolulu,  
State of Hawaii, this 22nd day  
of August, 2007.

  
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LINDA LINGLE SEAL  
Governor of Hawaii

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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LISA M. GINOZA  
Acting Attorney General