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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
AND THE MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO ENACT  
PROPERTY TAX RELIEF MEASURES.

1           WHEREAS, based on the October 2005 median home price in the  
2 City and County of Honolulu, the average property tax bill  
3 increased over thirty per cent from 2004; and  
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5           WHEREAS, since 2001, using the same median home prices, the  
6 average property tax bill in the City and County of Honolulu has  
7 increased by over one hundred and three per cent; and  
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9           WHEREAS, this year, over 5,300 people are challenging the  
10 City and County of Honolulu's value assessment on their homes,  
11 approximately a twenty-seven percent increase over the number of  
12 challengers in 2005; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the current homeowner exemption stands at \$40,000,  
15 while the October 2005 median home price for the City and County  
16 of Honolulu stood at \$620,000; and  
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18           WHEREAS, home prices are continuing to rise in the booming  
19 real estate market; and  
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21           WHEREAS, an undertaking to only fund projects that the city  
22 and county can afford to construct and maintain is a good start,  
23 a serious review of services that the City and County of  
24 Honolulu provides may also lead to budgetary savings; and  
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26           WHEREAS, discussions between the City and County of  
27 Honolulu and the State dealing with consolidation of certain  
28 services, which could lead to net savings on both parts, appear  
29 to have stalled; and  
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1 WHEREAS, failure to address the increasing expenses and the  
 2 massive debt of the City and County of Honolulu will lead to  
 3 even higher property taxes; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 6 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 7 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the legislature requests  
 8 the City Council and the Mayor of the City and County of  
 9 Honolulu to enact some form of property tax relief for the  
 10 citizens of the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and each  
 14 member of the City Council of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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