
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, HONOLULU COMMUNITY COLLEGE, AND VARIOUS OTHER ENTITIES TO PURSUE DEVELOPMENT OF A MIXED-USE URBAN CORE IN KALIHI AND REQUESTING ENTERPRISE HONOLULU TO SUBMIT A REPORT RELATING TO THE MIXED-USE URBAN CORE.

1 WHEREAS, rising property values and a lack of affordable
2 homes have forced urban planners in a number of communities to
3 rethink existing models of development; and
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5 WHEREAS, increasing density levels within an older urban
6 core and rezoning mixed-industrial use areas may result in
7 substantial increases in the number of affordable housing units
8 located within the area; and
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10 WHEREAS, residents who live closer to work avoid lengthy
11 commutes and traffic congestion on Honolulu's already
12 overcrowded highways; and
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14 WHEREAS, by 2012, Oahu will have an estimated 176,000 jobs
15 to fill, with more than 51,000 of these jobs being newly
16 created; and
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18 WHEREAS, our present workforce is not adequately trained to
19 meet the demand for workers in the areas of technology,
20 healthcare, business and finance, defense, and physical and
21 social sciences; and
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23 WHEREAS, the Honolulu Community College (HCC), through its
24 Pacific Center for Advanced Technology Training, is a leader in
25 offering technology training to help meet the needs of this
26 future workforce; and
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28 WHEREAS, HCC, through the Hawaii Construction Academy
29 model, has developed curriculum to be used by high schools in a



1 career academy setting that prepares students to enter the
2 workforce with higher-paying jobs; and

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4 WHEREAS, developing an "employment anchor" facility and
5 expanding workforce training initiatives through local high
6 schools and HCC may be the keys to establishing a vibrant work-
7 live-learn community; and

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9 WHEREAS, there is already significant demand for such an
10 employment anchor by local technology businesses and by major
11 dual-use contractors who desire to be located within the
12 Honolulu urban core; and

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14 WHEREAS, zoning changes permitting mixed industrial-
15 residential development in the Kalihi area with residential
16 units of medium height surrounding the employment anchor, as
17 well as the expansion of existing programs at HCC, would be a
18 first step toward meeting future workforce needs; and

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20 WHEREAS, as an economically challenged area, the Kalihi
21 zone would qualify for federal funding, new market tax credits,
22 and federal block grants; now, therefore,

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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
26 of 2006, that this body strongly encourages the City and County
27 of Honolulu, the local business and technology community, HCC,
28 and Kalihi public schools to pursue development of a mixed-use
29 residential-technology urban core in Kalihi; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Enterprise Honolulu, as a
32 strong private sector partner of the City and County of
33 Honolulu, is requested to provide a report to the Legislature
34 prior to the Regular Session of 2007, with recommendations on
35 the following:

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37 (1) Financial incentives that may be necessary to
38 stimulate development of a technology center in
39 Kalihi;



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- (2) The most suitable location within Kalihi for undertaking such a project;
- (3) Options for additional workforce development and training programs through HCC; and
- (4) Opportunities for the state and county governments and private investors to secure federal grants to support development of a mixed-use residential urban core in the Kalihi area with a significant increase in affordable housing units;

and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, President of the University of Hawaii, and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Enterprise Honolulu.

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