
HOUSE RESOLUTION

CALLING FOR THE RIGOROUS REEXAMINATION OF THE DEVELOPMENT
EXPANSION PLAN AT TURTLE BAY RESORT DUE TO THE PASSAGE OF
TIME AND CHANGED CONDITIONS OF THE NORTH SHORE AND THE
ISLAND OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, the Council of the City and County of Honolulu
2 approved the Kuilima Expansion Project by issuing a special
3 management area use permit to Kuilima Development Company; and
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5 WHEREAS, this special management area use permit was
6 adopted after the Land Use Commission issued an order
7 reclassifying lands in the project area from the agricultural to
8 the urban district to facilitate the project while imposing
9 several conditions; and

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11 WHEREAS, this special management area use permit was
12 adopted after Kuilima Development Company recorded a Unilateral
13 Agreement at the Bureau of Conveyances that expressly required
14 the fulfillment of certain conditions; and

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16 WHEREAS, this special management area use permit was
17 adopted in 1986 with the support of a 1985 environmental impact
18 statement; and

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20 WHEREAS, the project was to commence immediately after
21 receiving the special management area use permit; and
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23 WHEREAS, the significant change in timing and impact of the
24 project was not contemplated in the 1985 environmental impact
25 statement and a supplemental environmental impact statement has
26 not been developed or accepted; and
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28 WHEREAS, section 11-200-26, Hawaii Administrative Rules
29 (Department of Health), requires that, when the timing of a
30 project significantly changes, the environmental impact
31 statement must be supplemented; and
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1 WHEREAS, community groups have sought an environmental
2 review of the project and the City and County of Honolulu
3 Department of Planning and Permitting has declined to do so; and
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5 WHEREAS, the environmental impact statement failed to
6 address the impacts on customary and traditional practices of
7 native Hawaiians; and
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9 WHEREAS, the development plan calls for the disinternment
10 of any burial remains inadvertently discovered during the course
11 of construction activities; and
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13 WHEREAS, the environmental impact statement identified
14 known prehistoric settlements in the development area; and
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16 WHEREAS, it is in the public's interest to fully assess the
17 environmental impacts of the development taking into special
18 account the impacts on customary and traditional native Hawaiian
19 practices; and
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21 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company, a subsidiary of Oaktree
22 Capital Management, LLC, current owner of Turtle Bay Resort and
23 surrounding land, has applied for subdivision permits to move
24 forward on the twenty-year-old development plan; and
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26 WHEREAS, Oaktree Capital Management, LLC has failed to
27 abide by all conditions of the special management area use
28 permit, the Land Use Commission order, and the Unilateral
29 Agreement; and
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31 WHEREAS, there have been significant changes in the
32 surrounding community along the North Shore, including increased
33 traffic on Kamehameha Highway and increased popularity of surf
34 meets and beaches along the North Shore by tourists; and
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36 WHEREAS, there have been significant changes on the island
37 of Oahu, including changes to traffic, water demands, schools,
38 affordable housing needs, and the diminished capacity of
39 landfills; and
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41 WHEREAS, the development of Ko'Olina and Kapolei are
42 already straining the infrastructure of the island of Oahu,
43 including healthcare services, landfills, traffic, water, and



1 affordable housing, and it is questionable as to whether a third
2 major development can be supported; and

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4 WHEREAS, the development will severely impact the work and
5 lives of people living in the area, as well as on the entire
6 island, including recreational activities, such as beach,
7 surfing, and fishing access; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Supreme Court affirmed an issuing
10 agency's right to review, revoke, or modify special management
11 area use permits in *Morgan v. Planning Department County of*
12 *Kauai*, 104 Haw. 174, 86 P.3d 982 (2004); now, therefore,

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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
16 of 2006, that this body urges, requests, and recommends that the
17 Administration and the Council of the City and County of
18 Honolulu examine and evaluate the special management area use
19 permit, together with the dated environmental impact statement,
20 and evaluate the record of compliance with the conditions of the
21 special management area use permit, the Unilateral Agreement,
22 the Land Use Commission order, and applicable state law; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Planning and
25 Permitting, in consultation with the state Office of
26 Environmental Quality Control, is requested to determine whether
27 a supplemental environmental impact statement should be prepared
28 and accepted by the Department before further subdivision
29 permits are issued for the Kuilima Expansion Project; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health and Director
33 of the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and the Mayor,
34 Council Chair, and the Director of the Office of Planning and
35 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

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