
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES AND THE JUDICIARY TO CLEAN UP AND BEAUTIFY THE AREA IMMEDIATELY ADJACENT TO THE BANYAN TREE BETWEEN THE TERRITORIAL BUILDING AND ALIIOLANI HALE.

1 WHEREAS, the Territorial Building and Aliiolani Hale are
2 buildings of historic, cultural, and political significance; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Territorial Building is open to the public and
5 is visited by many residents for business purposes, such as
6 obtaining a state identification card and procuring public
7 records; and
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9 WHEREAS, Aliiolani Hale, which houses the Supreme Court,
10 the Supreme Court Library, and the Judiciary History Center is
11 frequented by residents, students, and tourists who visit the
12 featured exhibits and participate in guided tours; and
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14 WHEREAS, the grounds area between the Territorial Building
15 and Aliiolani Hale are traversed by many people daily; and
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17 WHEREAS, the condition of the walkways, foliage, ground
18 maintenance, and landscaping are a reflection of the people of
19 Hawaii and the Hawaii state government; and
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21 WHEREAS, a prominent banyan tree between the Territorial
22 Building and Aliiolani Hale is adjacent to a semi-enclosed trash
23 receptacle, which is often filled or overflowing with trash,
24 with additional debris scattered near its surrounding areas; and
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26 WHEREAS, the concrete, hollow tile trash enclosure is
27 situated directly on the roots of the banyan tree and may be
28 damaging its roots; and
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30 WHEREAS, two parking stalls in the immediate vicinity are
31 also damaging the banyan tree, evidenced by roots that are
32 coming up from the ground and detracting from the cultural and
33 natural beauty of the site; and



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2 WHEREAS, the site is recognized by county and state
3 government as part of the historic Capitol District, with view
4 planes that need to be preserved; and

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6 WHEREAS, the area would be a more pleasant site for
7 residents and tourists to enjoy if it were cleaned up in a
8 consistent manner and beautified to make it a more attractive
9 and inviting locale; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
13 of 2006, that the Department of Accounting and General Services
14 and the Judiciary are requested to clean up and beautify the
15 area between the Territorial Building and Aliiolani Hale
16 immediately adjacent to the banyan tree; and

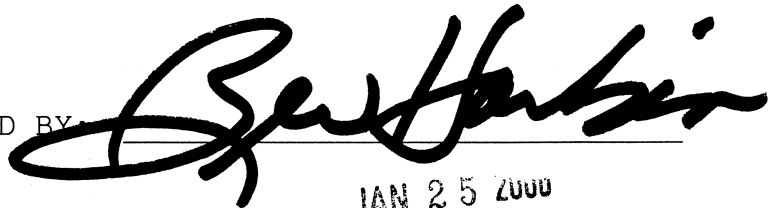
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
19 and General Services and the Judiciary are requested to
20 determine a consistent schedule of maintenance and
21 beautification around the area between the Territorial Building
22 and Aliiolani Hale; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
25 and General Services and the Judiciary are requested to submit
26 their plan to maintain and beautify the area between the
27 buildings and immediately adjacent to the banyan tree to the
28 Legislature not later than twenty days prior to the convening of
29 the Regular Session of 2007; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller and the Chief
33 Justice of the Hawaii Supreme Court.

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OFFERED BY



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