
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES TENANT ASSOCIATION.

1 WHEREAS, Mayor Wright Homes (often referred to as "Mayor
2 Wright Housing") was the first post-World War II project by the
3 Hawaii Housing Authority, and was dedicated in 1953 and later
4 named after the late Mayor of Honolulu, George F. Wright, in
5 1958; and

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7 WHEREAS, facilities in Mayor Wright Homes have continuously
8 suffered from maintenance problems, property damage, broken
9 windows, sewage problems, trash problems, and other physical
10 upkeep problems; and

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12 WHEREAS, Mayor Wright Homes has also had a turbulent
13 history of hope and despair marked by social problems, crime,
14 outsider intervention, internal strength, shootings, and other
15 violence; and

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17 WHEREAS, the Mayor Wright Homes Tenant Association (MWHTA)
18 was formed to improve relations between residents and public
19 housing management; and

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21 WHEREAS, the members of MWHTA are elected from and by the
22 residents; and

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24 WHEREAS, MWHTA has a treasury of funds but no audit trail;
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27 WHEREAS, the MWHTA election for the 2006-2009 term
28 generated significant protests from residents due to alleged
29 irregular procedures and improper uses of election funds; and



1 WHEREAS, there are allegations of leniency toward relatives
2 of MWHTA members who violate rules or otherwise disrupt the
3 peace; and
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5 WHEREAS, residents of Mayor Wright Homes have observed that
6 Citizen Patrol timesheets do not match residents' observations
7 of the times that patrollers spend walking their beats; and
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9 WHEREAS, residents of Mayor Wright Homes have videotaped so
10 many pet leash and cleanup violations that the Pet Committee has
11 dissolved itself; and
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13 WHEREAS, there are allegations of discrimination against
14 Micronesians that need to be addressed; and
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16 WHEREAS, recent Hawaii Public Housing Authority Annual
17 Plans do not address the viability and appropriateness of tenant
18 association operations or finances; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
22 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is
23 requested to conduct a financial and management audit of MWHTA;
24 and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
27 report any findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
28 later than 20 days before the convening of the Regular Session
29 of 2008; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, Director of
33 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and Executive
34 Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.

