
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO RESTRICT
ANNUAL PROPERTY TAX INCREASES TO LESS THAN TEN PER CENT OF
THE PRIOR YEAR'S PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT.

1 WHEREAS, the real property tax on the island of Oahu is
2 administered by the City and County of Honolulu; and
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4 WHEREAS, the amount of the real property tax is based on a
5 tax rate set by the City and County of Honolulu multiplied by
6 the assessed value of the property; and
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8 WHEREAS, City and County of Honolulu's real property
9 valuations in the "improved residential" land use class have
10 nearly doubled from \$52,804,379,000, to \$101,177,778,000 between
11 fiscal years 2003-2004 and 2006-2007; and
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13 WHEREAS, City and County of Honolulu real property
14 taxpayers have experienced three consecutive annual increases in
15 county real property tax assessments in as many years; and
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17 WHEREAS, as of January 23, 2007, the county Real Property
18 Assessment Division had received 6,012 taxpayer appeals from
19 real property taxpayers contesting their real property
20 assessments; and
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22 WHEREAS, these real property tax appeals have quadrupled in
23 the last six years; and
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25 WHEREAS, remedies provided by the City and County of
26 Honolulu to offset the increases in the real property tax have
27 thus far been at best inadequate and temporary fixes; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2007, that the Mayor and the Honolulu City Council
33 are respectfully requested to restrict annual property tax



1 increases to less than ten per cent of the prior year's property
2 tax assessment; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor and the Honolulu City
5 Council are respectfully requested to report to the Legislature
6 on the status of this Resolution twenty days prior to the
7 convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
11 Honolulu and the Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.
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