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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU  
TO PASS AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING PLANS AND PERMITS FOR ALL  
LARGE RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENTS BE IN  
COMPLIANCE WITH SMART GROWTH PRINCIPLES.

1 WHEREAS, there is a growing concern that current  
2 development patterns in communities across the nation are  
3 detrimental to the well-being of our cities, existing suburbs,  
4 small towns, rural communities, and wilderness areas; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the urban sprawl that has spread throughout the  
7 country is the result of the abandonment of infrastructure in  
8 the city for new building projects beyond the city limits; and  
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10 WHEREAS, though communities are supportive of growth,  
11 demographic shifts, increased fiscal concerns, and strong  
12 environmental ethic are pushing the demand for smart growth; and  
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14 WHEREAS, smart growth invests time, attention, and  
15 resources in restoring communities and vitality to city centers  
16 and older suburbs, and emphasizes centralization in towns,  
17 transit and pedestrian methods of transportation, and a greater  
18 mix of housing, commercial, and retail uses, while preserving  
19 open space and emphasizing environmentally-friendly practices;  
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22 WHEREAS, the following principles touch on the various  
23 aspects of planning and development that are involved in smart  
24 growth:  
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26 (1) Create a range of housing opportunities and choices;  
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28 (2) Create walkable neighborhoods;  
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30 (3) Encourage community and stakeholder collaboration;



- 1 (4) Foster distinctive, attractive communities with a  
 2 strong sense of place;  
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 4 (5) Make development decisions predictable, fair, and  
 5 cost-effective;  
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 7 (6) Mix land uses;  
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 9 (7) Preserve open space, farmland, natural beauty, and  
 10 critical environmental areas;  
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 12 (8) Provide a variety of transportation choices;  
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 14 (9) Strengthen and direct development towards existing  
 15 communities; and  
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 17 (10) Take advantage of compact building design;

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 19 now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 22 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
 23 Session of 2007, that the City Council of the City and County of  
 24 Honolulu is requested to pass an ordinance requiring plans and  
 25 permits for all large residential or commercial developments be  
 26 in compliance with smart growth principles; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 29 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
 30 Honolulu, Chair of the City Council of the City and County of  
 31 Honolulu, and Director of the City and County of Honolulu  
 32 Department of Planning and Permitting.  
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