
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CREATION OF A HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TASK FORCE
TO DEVELOP LEGISLATION FOR SMART GROWTH, LAND USE AND
DEVELOPMENT.

1 WHEREAS, in spite of our land use and zoning regulations,
2 development throughout the State has, in many cases, resulted in
3 urban sprawl, loss of open spaces and greenbelts, overtaxed
4 infrastructure, particularly highway traffic, and decaying
5 neighborhoods; and

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7 WHEREAS, the health, safety, and welfare of our residents
8 is directly affected by the lack of proper planning and
9 implementation of development proposals; and

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11 WHEREAS, the prices of homes in the State, the length of
12 daily commutes to work and recreation, and the safety of our
13 neighborhoods are of vital statewide concern; and

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15 WHEREAS, smart growth principles that include the following
16 should be incorporated in all land use and zoning decision-
17 making deliberations:

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19 (1) Mixing land uses;
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21 (2) Taking advantage of compact building design;
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23 (3) Creating a range of housing opportunities and choices;
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25 (4) Creating walkable neighborhoods;
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27 (5) Fostering distinct, attractive communities with a
28 strong sense of place;
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30 (6) Preserving open spaces, farmland, natural beauty, and
31 critical environmental areas;
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1 (7) Strengthening and directing development towards
2 existing communities;

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4 (8) Providing a variety of transportation choices;

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6 (9) Making development decisions predictable, fair, and
7 cost effective;

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9 (10) Encouraging community and stakeholder collaboration in
10 development decisions; and

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12 (11) Ensuring that all public services and infrastructure
13 necessary to support development are provided
14 concurrently with the development; now, therefore,

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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
18 Session of 2007, that the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives is requested to establish a task force to
20 consider the incorporation of the principles of smart growth in
21 land use and development decision-making; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Speaker is requested to
24 appoint legislators and appropriate public and private
25 stakeholders to the task force; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
28 select a chairperson from among its members; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
31 develop legislation for improved land use, more open spaces,
32 compact urban areas, more affordable housing, decreased
33 infrastructure costs, and other ideas along the lines of smart
34 growth principles; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
37 report back to the House of Representatives not later than
38 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
39 2008 with its findings and recommendations, along with any
40 proposed legislation; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Speaker of the House of
3 Representatives, the Dean of the School of Architecture of the
4 University of Hawaii at Manoa, the Department of Urban and
5 Regional Planning of the University of Hawaii at Manoa, State
6 Land Use Commission, State Office of Planning, and the Executive
7 Director of the Land Use Research Foundation.
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