
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FINANCIAL AND MANAGEMENT
AUDIT OF THE MAYOR WRIGHT HOMES TENANTS' 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 Tenants' Association was
18 formed to improve relations between residents and public housing
19 management; and

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21 WHEREAS, the members of Mayor Wright Homes Tenants'
22 Association are elected from and by the residents; and

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24 WHEREAS, the Mayor Wright Homes Tenants' Association has a
25 treasury of funds but no audit trail; and

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27 WHEREAS, the Mayor Wright Homes Tenants' Association
28 election for the 2006-2009 term generated significant protests
29 from residents due to alleged irregular procedures and improper
30 uses of election funds; and

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32 WHEREAS, residents of Mayor Wright Homes have observed that
33 Citizen Patrol timesheets do not match residents' observations
34 of the times that patrollers spend walking their beats; and
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1 WHEREAS, residents of Mayor Wright Homes have videotaped so
2 many pet leash and cleanup violations that the Pet Committee has
3 dissolved itself; and
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5 WHEREAS, recent Hawaii Public Housing Authority Annual
6 Plans do not address the viability and appropriateness of tenant
7 association operations or finances; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
11 Session of 2007, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a
12 financial and management audit of the Mayor Wright Homes
13 Tenants' Association; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to
16 report any findings and recommendations to the Legislature
17 twenty days before the convening of the Regular Session of 2008;
18 and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the Director of
22 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Executive
23 Director of the Hawaii Public Housing Authority.
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OFFERED BY:

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