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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

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

