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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE COUNTIES TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN URBAN DESIGN AND THE MENTAL AND PHYSICAL WELL-BRING OF PEOPLE AND FOR THE COUNTIES TO INCORPORATE THIS KNOWLEDGE INTO PERMIT AND DESIGN DECISIONS.

1 WHEREAS, good urban design is a creative process which,  
2 when applied to towns and cities, results in the development of  
3 great urban places: buildings, streets, squares and parks; and  
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5 WHEREAS, urban design is inextricably linked to its site  
6 and locality, responding to the landscape, existing built form,  
7 culture and attitudes; and  
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9 WHEREAS, urban design should provide sustainable, positive  
10 and peaceful living environments, both in private and public  
11 areas; and  
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13 WHEREAS, well-planned urban design serves the public  
14 interest and includes appropriate innovation to respond to  
15 technical, social, aesthetic, economic and environmental  
16 challenges; and  
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18 WHEREAS, research into criminal behavior shows that the  
19 decision to offend or not to offend is more influenced by cues  
20 to the perceived risk of being caught than by cues to reward or  
21 erase of entry, good urban design is based on enhancing the  
22 perceived risk of detection and apprehension; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature recognizes the need  
25 to efficiently process applications for new development, while  
26 placing a high priority on quality design; now, therefore,  
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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
30 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the counties to



1 acknowledge the relationship between urban design and the mental  
2 and physical well-being of people; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties should incorporate  
5 this recognition into their permit and design decisions; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the planning and  
9 permitting departments of each county.  
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OFFERED BY:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Glenn W. R. King", written over a horizontal line.

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