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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ASSESS  
PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHINATOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT BASED ON THE  
SPECIAL DISTRICT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

1           WHEREAS, the real property tax on the island of Oahu is  
2 administered by the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the amount of the real property tax is based on a  
5 tax rate set by the City and County of Honolulu multiplied by  
6 the assessed value of the real property; and  
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8           WHEREAS, within areas designated as special districts,  
9 height restrictions are not always consistent with regulated  
10 zoning height restrictions generally; and  
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12           WHEREAS, building owners within the Chinatown special  
13 district are not allowed to build at heights greater than the  
14 limits imposed for buildings within a special district; and  
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16           WHEREAS, Chinatown building owners in the special district  
17 are assessed property taxes under the regulated zone  
18 classification BMX-4, but do not enjoy the more lenient height  
19 restrictions allowed under that classification; 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 2008, that the City and County of Honolulu is  
24 requested to consider assessing properties within the Chinatown  
25 special district based on the special district height  
26 restrictions in effect for the area; and  
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28           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of  
30 the Council of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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