
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF MAUI AND THE MAUI COUNTY COUNCIL TO
ESTABLISH A REAL PROPERTY TAX STRUCTURE BASED ON THE
CALIFORNIA PROPOSITION 13 PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM.

1 WHEREAS, on June 6, 1978, the voters of California enacted
2 Proposition 13, the "People's Initiative to Limit Property
3 Taxation"; and
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5 WHEREAS, the law provided that the maximum amount of any
6 real property tax increase would not exceed one per cent of the
7 full cash value of the property; and
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9 WHEREAS, the initiative resulted in a cap on property tax
10 rates that reduced rates by an average of fifty-seven per cent;
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13 WHEREAS, the law prevented older Californians from being
14 priced out of their homes by ever-increasing property tax
15 increases; and
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17 WHEREAS, the recent construction of large luxury homes and
18 the recent boom in property sales on Maui has dramatically
19 increased property tax rates in neighborhoods that are occupied
20 by long-time middle-class residents; and
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22 WHEREAS, many of these long-time residents live on fixed
23 incomes and face the same economic prospects that their
24 California counterparts faced and now live in fear of being
25 priced out of their homes by exorbitant and unaffordable
26 property tax increases; 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, that the Mayor of Maui and the Maui County
31 Council are requested to assist Maui residents by establishing a
32 real property tax structure based on the California Proposition
33 13 property tax system; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor of Maui and the Maui
 2 County Council are requested to limit property tax rate
 3 increases to not more than a specified amount, such as two per
 4 cent per year, and to allow property tax rates to reflect the
 5 full market value of the real property only when the property is
 6 sold; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of Maui and the
 10 Chairperson of the Maui County Council.
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