
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR OF HONOLULU, COUNTY REFUSE DIVISION, AND ALL OTHER RELEVANT STAKEHOLDERS TO TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO CURTAIL THE PROLIFERATION OF GROCERY CART SETTLEMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, one of the fundamental responsibilities of
2 democratic government as enumerated by the U.S. Constitution's
3 Preamble is to "promote the general welfare"; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Hawaii recognizes
6 that promoting the general welfare includes maintaining a clean,
7 attractive community; and
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9 WHEREAS, in recent years, several communities across the
10 State have been plagued by the presence of abandoned or stolen
11 shopping carts transformed into grocery cart settlements, a type
12 of zombified shopping cart which has been converted from an
13 instrument of consumerism into a mobile platform for internally
14 displaced persons and filled with various accoutrements; and
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16 WHEREAS, though the Legislature recognizes that unfortunate
17 circumstances can often result in an individual becoming
18 displaced from a home, it also recognizes that the presence of
19 grocery cart settlements are an eyesore to the community as well
20 as a possible vector for the spread of disease and insect
21 infestation; and
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23 WHEREAS, certain communities such as Lower Waipahu and
24 portions of Downtown Honolulu have become degraded by grocery
25 cart settlements, such to the point that areas have become
26 infested with these former shopping carts, resulting in citizen
27 disgust and displeasure with their continued existence; now,
28 therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
32 Session of 2008, that the Mayor of Honolulu, the County Refuse
33 Division, and all other relevant stakeholders are requested to



1 take all necessary measures to curtail the proliferation of
2 grocery cart settlements, including, but not limited to:

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4 (a) Finding ways to quickly and efficiently dispose of
5 unclaimed or damaged shopping carts;
6 (b) Developing procedures and protocols for the clearing
7 of established grocery cart settlements;
8 (c) Researching ways to discourage theft or conversion of
9 shopping carts into grocery cart settlements; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Refuse Division is
12 requested to report to the Legislature not later than 28 days
13 prior to the convening of the 2009 Regular Session on its
14 recommendations regarding removal of grocery cart settlements;
15 and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the
19 State of Hawaii, the Director of the Department of Health, the
20 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the County Refuse
21 Division.

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By request

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