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SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-fourth
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008,
23 that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to consider
24 assessing properties within the Chinatown special district based
25 on the special district height restrictions in effect for the
26 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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