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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REVIEW OF THE PERFORMANCE OF THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY OF TRANSFERRING ITS FUNCTIONS BACK TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

1           WHEREAS, in 1976 the Legislature created the Hawaii  
2 Community Development Authority (HCDA), a state agency, to plan  
3 for and to revitalize areas in need of redevelopment; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Legislature provided HCDA with the authority  
6 to determine community development programs, cooperate with  
7 private enterprises and the various components of federal,  
8 state, and county governments in bringing plans to fruition, and  
9 conduct comprehensive planning, regulation, and development  
10 activities; and  
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12           WHEREAS, in creating HCDA, the Legislature also designated  
13 the Kakaako area of Honolulu as HCDA's first Community  
14 Development District (District) recognizing its potential for  
15 increased growth and development and its inherent economic  
16 importance to Honolulu; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in 2002, the Legislature assigned redevelopment  
19 responsibility for the Kalaehoa District to HCDA; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the HCDA has adopted a master plan for both  
22 Districts; and  
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24           WHEREAS, prior to the creation of HCDA, the city was  
25 primarily responsible for overseeing the planning, zoning, and  
26 re-development of land within the City and County of Honolulu;  
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29           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that HCDA is not  
30 accomplishing its mission with respect to the Kakaako and



1 Kalaeloa Districts and that HCDA's duties and functions are  
2 duplicating those duties of the City and County of Honolulu  
3 Department of Planning and Permitting (DPP) at considerable cost  
4 to taxpayers and additional regulatory burden to landowners; and  
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6 WHEREAS, in light of our current economic situation, the  
7 Legislature finds that consideration should be given to  
8 streamlining government oversight of the Districts by  
9 transferring HCDA's duties to DPP; now, therefore,

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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
14 Bureau (LRB) is requested to review the performance of HCDA and  
15 determine the feasibility of transferring its functions back to  
16 the City and County of Honolulu; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LRB is requested to submit a  
19 report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no  
20 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
21 Session of 2010; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Mayor of  
25 the City and County of Honolulu, Director of DPP, and Director  
26 of LRB.  
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OFFERED BY:

  
BY REQUEST

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