
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE FINES FOR
MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH
ORDINANCES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the most beautiful state in America
2 and Honolulu is the loveliest capital city, and tourists and
3 residents alike enjoy the beautiful scenery and charming
4 neighborhoods; and

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6 WHEREAS, most residents take pains to maintain their
7 properties, but there are those who neglect their homes and
8 allow them to get run-down; and

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10 WHEREAS, there may be cases where a wealthy person has
11 purchased dozens of homes in a small area, allowed many of them
12 to remain vacant, used by vagrants, become overgrown, and caused
13 neighboring homes to lose value; and

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15 WHEREAS, the City has, in one case, issued 16 citations to
16 one individual who owns 24 properties, when the individual
17 failed to obtain demolition permits, allowed the properties to
18 become overgrown and blighted, and when other county ordinances
19 were violated; and

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21 WHEREAS, a few violations may not seriously impact one
22 neighborhood, but when an owner allows several properties to
23 amass multiple uncorrected violations in a relatively short
24 period of time, then the sheer number becomes an egregious
25 insult to other owners and reduces the value of nearby homes;
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28 WHEREAS, a reduction in the property value of homes in an
29 area also provides grounds for the reduction of real property
30 taxes, creating a perfect storm of events in a time of global



1 recession when the City and County of Honolulu, like other
2 counties and the State, are facing budget problems; and
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4 WHEREAS, if a person owns at least five properties that
5 have amassed five citations in a period of 5 years in a one
6 square mile area, then it is incumbent on the City to assess a
7 sufficiently significant fine to encourage that person to
8 maintain his property in accordance with community standards or
9 subdivision covenants; 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 City and County of
14 Honolulu is requested to increase fines when an owner is cited
15 for multiple violations for property violations within a certain
16 time period and within a certain area; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
19 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mufi
20 Hannemann, Mayor of the City & County of Honolulu, all Honolulu
21 City Council members, the Kahala Community Association, the
22 Kahala Business Association, and the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood
23 Board No. 3.
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