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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW OF  
THE EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

1           WHEREAS, the Ewa Development Plan was written in 1995 as a  
2 living document to serve as a guiding document for the growth of  
3 the Ewa plains after the closure of the sugar cane plantations;  
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6           WHEREAS, the initial plan was written with provisions for  
7 infrastructure to support the expected population growth,  
8 protection of historical buildings and other significant  
9 entities; and

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11           WHEREAS, the City & County of Honolulu was charge with this  
12 responsibility of implementing and updating the plan, and the  
13 steward of the land; and

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15           WHEREAS, the plan was never reviewed since inception and  
16 the requisites for development was never followed; and

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18           WHEREAS, the need for water and the capability for sewer  
19 treatment needs to be addressed; and

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21           WHEREAS, the current traffic congestion especially on  
22 Renton Road, Fort Weaver Road, and the freeway from the middle  
23 street merge to the H1-H2 merge are severely impacting the  
24 quality of life of the people of Ewa; and

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26           WHEREAS, schools capacities are overcrowded and the state  
27 cannot afford to build the infrastructure needed to support this  
28 population influx; and

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30           WHEREAS, there is no certainty as to the completion of any  
31 transportation or transit alternatives; and

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1 WHEREAS, the City & County of Honolulu has and will  
2 continue to issue building permit in spite of this dilemma; and  
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4 WHEREAS, three huge development coming to Leeward and  
5 Central Oahu with 24,000 homes adding approximately 36,000 cars;  
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8 WHEREAS, the state has only limited resources to build  
9 highways or freeways and transit infrastructure; 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 slow down the development of the Ewa plains and  
15 expedite the completion of the Ewa development plan with  
16 adequate safeguards for the protection of important agricultural  
17 lands, open spaces, parks, endangered species and the historical  
18 buildings and sites; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Land Use Commission not re-  
21 classify any agricultural land until the Ewa Development Plan is  
22 completed; and  
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the City  
26 Council, City of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting,  
27 the Director and all members of the Land Use Commission.  
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