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## HOUSE 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;  
26 and

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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, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to  
14 increase fines when an owner is cited for multiple violations  
15 for property violations within a certain time period and within  
16 a certain area; and

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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor  
20 of the City & County of Honolulu, all Honolulu City Council  
21 members, the Kahala Community Association, the Kahala Business  
22 Association, and the Waialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3.

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