
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO ADOPT NATIVE HAWAIIAN BUILDING CODES.

1 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian architecture is unlike any
2 localized styles seen in Hawaii today; and
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4 WHEREAS, despite superficial similarities to forms that
5 existed prior to Western contact in 1778, the present styles
6 lack the spiritual and metaphysical identity that made the
7 traditional, indigenous, pre-contact architecture uniquely
8 Native Hawaiian; and
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10 WHEREAS, in enacting Act 310, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006,
11 the Legislature sought to allow the use of the techniques,
12 styles, and customs of Native Hawaiian architecture to be
13 employed in present-day construction in the State by requiring
14 each county to adopt ordinances allowing the exercise of Native
15 Hawaiian architectural practices, styles, customs, techniques,
16 and materials in the county's building code; and
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18 WHEREAS, Act 310 also permitted the application of Native
19 Hawaiian architecture in all zoning districts, if consistent
20 with the intent and purpose of a uniquely designated, special,
21 or historic district; and
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23 WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's intentions, a full
24 revival of Native Hawaiian architecture as a viable way of life
25 has not occurred; and
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27 WHEREAS, Native Hawaiian architecture is currently employed
28 only on a "showcase" basis, and is not regarded as a form of
29 architecture that fosters a restored traditional, economical,
30 efficient, and simple lifestyle that meets the spiritual and
31 material needs and interests of Native Hawaiians; now,
32 therefore,
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34 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
35 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
36 of 2010, that each county is urged to establish a Native



1 Hawaiian building code, separate from its standard building
2 code, that protects and promotes the exercise of indigenous
3 Native Hawaiian architectural practices, styles, customs,
4 techniques, and materials employed by Native Hawaiians; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is urged to allow
7 the application of Native Hawaiian architecture in all zoning
8 districts, rather than only in uniquely designated, special, or
9 historic districts; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is urged to adopt
12 or amend its ordinances no later than March 31, 2011; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Chairperson of
16 the Council of each county.
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