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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONDUCT SEPARATE EXAMINATIONS OF AND TO REPORT ON PREPARATORY STEPS NECESSARY TO TRANSFER JURISDICTION OF THE KAKAAKO DISTRICT TO THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU.

1           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority was  
2 established in 1976 to provide a mechanism to address areas of  
3 the State that are substantially undeveloped, blighted, or  
4 economically depressed, and potentially in need of renewal,  
5 renovation, or improvement to alleviate dilapidation,  
6 deterioration, and age that make those areas an economic or  
7 social liability; and

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9           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority  
10 determines community development programs and cooperates with  
11 private enterprise and the various components of federal, state,  
12 and county governments in bringing plans to fruition; and

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14           WHEREAS, in 1976, the Legislature found that the Kakaako  
15 district is in close proximity to the central business district,  
16 the government center, commercial, industrial, and market  
17 facilities, major existing and contemplated transportation  
18 routes, and recreational and service areas; and

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20           WHEREAS, furthermore, the Legislature noted that the  
21 Kakaako community development district, due to its function at  
22 that time as a service and light industrial area, was relatively  
23 underdeveloped and had the potential for increased growth and  
24 development that can alleviate community needs such as low-  
25 income housing, parks and open space, and commercial and  
26 industrial facilities; and

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28           WHEREAS, accordingly, the Hawaii Community Development  
29 Authority was tasked to plan a mixed-use district in  
30 coordinating community development in the Kakaako district



1 whereby industrial, commercial, residential, and public uses may  
2 coexist compatibly within the same area; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in 2005, the Legislature established a state  
5 cultural public market within the Kakaako district located on  
6 land within the Kakaako Makai area, defined as the area within  
7 the Kakaako community development district that is from the east  
8 side of Kewalo basin at the ewa wall of Ala Moana Park, to  
9 Forrest Avenue, and from Ala Moana Boulevard to the ocean, and  
10 provided the framework upon which plans for the development of  
11 the Kakaako Makai area are to be developed and implemented; and  
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13 WHEREAS, in the intervening years since the Kakaako  
14 community development district was established, the area has  
15 been greatly improved and developed; and  
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17 WHEREAS, furthermore, to facilitate the construction of the  
18 City and County of Honolulu's Rail Transit project, which runs  
19 through the Kakaako district on the way to the downtown area and  
20 Ala Moana, it is appropriate to transfer jurisdiction over the  
21 Kakaako district to the City and County of Honolulu; now,  
22 therefore,  
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii Community  
27 Development Authority and the City and County of Honolulu are  
28 requested to conduct separate examinations of and to report to  
29 the Legislature on preparatory steps necessary to transfer  
30 jurisdiction of the Kakaako district to the City and County of  
31 Honolulu; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community  
34 Development Authority is requested to include in its separate  
35 report any potential barriers, concerns, requirements, and other  
36 necessary conditions to relinquishing jurisdiction of the  
37 Kakaako district to the City and County of Honolulu, based on  
38 the assumption that any agreements entered into or permits  
39 issued by the Hawaii Community Development Authority prior to  
40 any transfer of jurisdiction will not be affected by the  
41 transfer; and  
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
44 is requested to include in its separate report any potential



1 barriers, concerns, requirements, and necessary conditions it  
2 anticipates will need to be addressed to accept the transfer of  
3 jurisdiction of the Kakaako district from the State, based on  
4 the assumption that any agreements entered into or permits  
5 issued by the Hawaii Community Development Authority prior to  
6 any transfer of jurisdiction will not be affected by the  
7 transfer; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community  
10 Development Authority and the City and County of Honolulu are  
11 requested to submit their respective reports to the Legislature,  
12 including any necessary proposed legislation, no later than  
13 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
14 2011; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
18 Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development  
19 Authority, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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