
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 become run-down and a blight upon their
9 neighborhoods; and
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11 WHEREAS, there may be cases where a wealthy person
12 purchases dozens of homes in a small area, allow many of them to
13 remain vacant, become run-down, broken into by vagrants, become
14 overgrown, and cause neighboring homes to lose value; and
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16 WHEREAS, the City has, in one case, issued over 50
17 citations to one individual who owns 24 properties when the
18 individual failed to obtain demolition permits, allowed the
19 properties to become overgrown and blighted, and when other
20 county ordinances were violated; and
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22 WHEREAS, a few violations may not seriously impact one
23 neighborhood, but when an owner allows several properties to
24 amass multiple uncorrected violations in a relatively short
25 period of time, creating a public health and blight problem,
26 then the sheer number becomes an egregious insult to other
27 owners and may reduce the value of nearby homes; and
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29 WHEREAS, a reduction in the property value of homes in an
30 entire neighborhood provides grounds for the reduction of real
31 property taxes, creating a perfect storm of events in a time of



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1 global recession when the City and County of Honolulu, like
2 other 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 or penalty to encourage that
8 person to maintain his property in accordance with community
9 standards or 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 2010, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
14 Honolulu is requested to increase fines or penalties when an
15 owner is cited for multiple violations for property violations
16 within a certain 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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26 OFFERED BY:

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