
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO PROVIDE IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY FOR NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBERS ACTING IN THEIR OFFICIAL CAPACITY OR TO ENSURE THAT NEIGHBORHOOD BOARD MEMBERS WILL BE DEFENDED.

1 WHEREAS, neighborhood boards are volunteer organizations
2 whose members serve without compensation; and

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4 WHEREAS, neighborhood board members are duly elected
5 representatives of their communities; and

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7 WHEREAS, the mission of neighborhood boards is to voice the
8 concerns of their communities; and

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10 WHEREAS, neighborhood boards have been threatened with
11 lawsuits seeking to reverse board decisions; and

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13 WHEREAS, neighborhood boards do not have the funds to
14 defend themselves in court, nor have they been defended by the
15 City and County of Honolulu Corporation Counsel; and

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17 WHEREAS, serving as voices for their respective
18 communities, neighborhood boards should remain free to lend a
19 voice to issues of importance without being silenced by the
20 threat of a lawsuit; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
25 Honolulu is urged to provide immunity from liability for
26 neighborhood board members acting in their official capacity or
27 to ensure that neighborhood board members will be adequately
28 defended; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
3 and County of Honolulu, the City and County of Honolulu
4 Corporation Counsel, and Chair of the City and County of
5 Honolulu Neighborhood Commission.
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OFFERED BY: _____








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