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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF  
FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSE LOCATIONS.

1           WHEREAS, apparently, some homes near the University of  
2 Hawaii--Manoa campus are rented to fraternities; and  
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4           WHEREAS, at times, the residents of the fraternity homes  
5 hold noisy parties late into the night or early morning; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the neighbors are extremely inconvenienced, and  
8 the enjoyment of their own homes is greatly compromised; and  
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10          WHEREAS, complaints to the police are made, and warnings  
11 are issued, but immediate resolution of the noise problems do  
12 not generally result; and  
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14          WHEREAS, a permanent solution to the problem may require  
15 drastic action, such as prohibiting locating fraternity and  
16 sorority houses and single-family homes in the same residential  
17 area; and  
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19          WHEREAS, on Oahu, the City and County of Honolulu is  
20 primarily responsible for establishing and enforcing the zoning  
21 code; and  
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23          WHEREAS, thus, the City should review whether it is  
24 appropriate to restrict the areas where fraternity and sorority  
25 houses may be located; now, therefore,  
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27          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Planning  
30 and Permitting (Department) of the City and County of Honolulu  
31 is requested to study whether the county land use ordinance may



1 be used to restrict the location of fraternity and sorority  
2 houses on the island of Oahu; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
5 consider, but not be limited to, the following issues:  
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7 (1) Whether a clear and enforceable definition of  
8 "fraternity or sorority house" may be developed; and  
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10 (2) Whether:  
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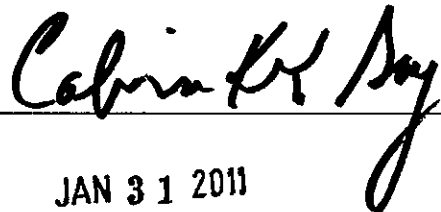
12 (A) Prohibiting a fraternity or sorority house as a  
13 permitted use outside of a one-half mile radius  
14 from the University of Hawaii--Manoa campus would  
15 be appropriate and legal; or  
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17 (B) Designating a fraternity or sorority house as a  
18 permitted use only in an apartment or apartment  
19 mixed use district would be a better alternative;  
20 and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, when receiving an initial  
23 complaint of excessive noise at a fraternity or sorority house  
24 on a particular night and then finding the complaint to be  
25 valid, the Honolulu Police Department is requested to consider  
26 immediately issuing a citation, rather than a warning, to the  
27 fraternity or sorority house; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director  
31 of Planning and Permitting, and the Chief of Police of the City  
32 and County of Honolulu.  
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