
HOUSE 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, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to
25 provide immunity from liability for neighborhood board members
26 acting in their official capacity or to ensure that neighborhood
27 board members will be adequately defended; and



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