
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO INFILL HOMES WITHIN THE EWA VILLAGES HISTORIC DISTRICT.

1 WHEREAS, homes situated on land within a built-up area for
2 further construction, especially as part of a community
3 redevelopment or growth management program, are known as infill
4 homes; and

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6 WHEREAS, infill homes are also referred to as homes located
7 on empty land within an otherwise developed area; and

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9 WHEREAS, infill homes are essential to renewing
10 neighborhoods and in developing more prosperous communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, infill homes in Ewa Villages' historic district
13 are under the same construction and design constraints as the
14 original plantation homes within the historical core; and

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16 WHEREAS, since 1983, historic structures in all four of
17 Hawaii's counties have been preserved as a result of thoughtful
18 ordinances exempting historic residences from real property tax;
19 and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2004, the City and County of Honolulu also
22 provided a 50 percent property tax exemption for historical
23 commercial properties; and

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25 WHEREAS, historical building codes are very stringent,
26 prohibiting homeowners from expansion, and establish strict
27 constraints on fencing, parking, and exterior facades; now,
28 therefore,



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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 2 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 3 of 2011, that the Chairperson and members of the Council of the
 4 City and County of Honolulu are urged to extend historic
 5 property tax exemptions to infill homes within the Ewa Villages
 6 historic district; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
 10 Honolulu and the Chairperson and members of the Council of the
 11 City and Council of Honolulu.

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