
HOUSE 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, that the Department of Planning and Permitting
30 (Department) of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
31 study whether the county land use ordinance may be used to
32 restrict the location of fraternity and sorority houses on the
33 island of Oahu; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
2 consider, but not be limited to, the following issues:

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4 (1) Whether a clear and enforceable definition of
5 "fraternity or sorority house" may be developed; and
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7 (2) Whether:

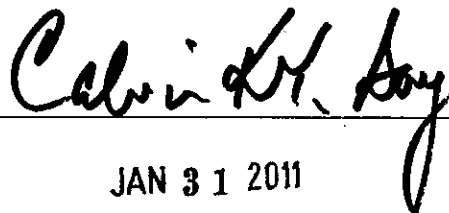
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9 (A) Prohibiting a fraternity or sorority house as a
10 permitted use outside of a one-half mile radius
11 from the University of Hawaii--Manoa campus would
12 be appropriate and legal; or
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14 (B) Designating a fraternity or sorority house as a
15 permitted use only in an apartment or apartment
16 mixed use district would be a better alternative;
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, when receiving an initial
20 complaint of excessive noise at a fraternity or sorority house
21 on a particular night and then finding the complaint to be
22 valid, the Honolulu Police Department is requested to consider
23 immediately issuing a citation, rather than a warning, to the
24 fraternity or sorority house; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
27 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Planning
28 and Permitting, and the Chief of Police of the City and County
29 of Honolulu.
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OFFERED BY:



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