## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REPLACE ALL THE CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS IN EWA AND HONOULIULI AND CONNECT THESE COMMUNITIES TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the sewer fees in the City and County of Honolulu 1 have recently been increased by 38 percent; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the intention of the increase was to fix and 5 retrofit the aging sewer system of the city; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the sewer system of Ewa and Honouliuli, which 8 consists of cesspool and septic tanks, has been neglected since 9 its inception; and 10 11 WHEREAS, though they are not connected to a sewer line, the residents of Ewa and Honouliuli are assessed the same sewer fees 12 13 as residents in other areas that are connected to a sewer line; and 14 15 16 WHEREAS, leaky cesspools and septic tanks pose a threat to the environment, and the health and welfare of the Ewa and 17 Honouliuli neighborhoods; and 18 19 20 WHEREAS, the lack of an updated sewer system in Ewa and Honouliuli shows a measure of social and economic disparity 21 between these neighborhoods and other neighborhoods; and 22 23 24 WHEREAS, with respect to neighborhood and structural 25 improvements, the residents of Ewa and Honouliuli deserve parity with residents of other areas, since Ewa and Honouliuli 26 residents pay comparable taxes and sewer fees; now, therefore, 27 28 29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 30 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session

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1 of 2011, that this body urges the Mayor and City Council of the 2 City and County of Honolulu to replace the septic tanks and 3 cesspools in Ewa and Honouliuli and connect these communities to 4 the main city sewer system; and 5

6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 7 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of 8 Honolulu, each member of the City Council of the City and County 9 of Honolulu, and the Ewa Neighborhood Board. 10

OFFERED BY:

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