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## 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 and County should review whether it  
24 is appropriate to restrict the areas where fraternity and  
25 sorority 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 2012, 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



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;

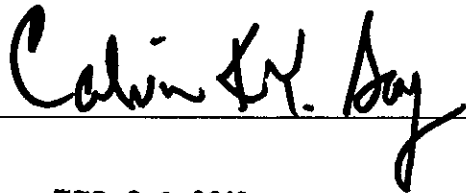
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14 (B) Designating a fraternity or sorority house as a  
15 permitted use only in an apartment or apartment  
16 mixed use district would be a better alternative;  
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19 (3) Whether, as an alternative to defining "fraternity or  
20 sorority house," amending state statute or county  
21 ordinance to tighten restrictions on the maximum  
22 number of unrelated college students is preferable and  
23 feasible; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that when receiving an initial  
26 complaint of excessive noise at a fraternity or sorority house  
27 on a particular night and then finding the complaint to be  
28 valid, the Honolulu Police Department is requested to consider  
29 immediately issuing a citation, rather than a warning, to the  
30 fraternity or sorority house; and  
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the Director of Planning  
34 and Permitting, and the Chief of Police of the City and County  
35 of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY:



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