

Honolulu, Hawaii
March 8, 2012

RE: H.R. No. 24

Honorable Calvin K.Y. Say
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Sixth State Legislature
Regular Session of 2012
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources, to which was referred H.R. No. 24 entitled:

"HOUSE RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO STUDY THE ISSUE OF FRATERNITY AND SORORITY HOUSE LOCATIONS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to seek a resolution to noise and other concerns regarding fraternity and sorority houses near the campus of the University of Hawaii at Manoa by requesting that:

- (1) The Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu study whether the county land use ordinance may be used to restrict the location of fraternity and sorority houses on the island of Oahu, which includes determining whether:
 - (A) A clear and enforceable definition of "fraternity or sorority house" may be developed;
 - (B) Prohibiting a fraternity or sorority house as a permitted use outside of a one-mile radius from the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus would be appropriate and legal;



- (C) Designing a fraternity or sorority house as a permitted use only in an apartment or apartment mixed use district would be a better alternative; and
 - (D) Amending a state statute or county ordinance to tighten restrictions on the maximum number of unrelated college students cohabitating is preferable and feasible; and
- (2) The Honolulu Police Department consider immediately issuing a citation rather than a warning to a fraternity or sorority house upon finding that an initial complaint of excessive noise is valid.

The University of Hawaii at Manoa commented on this measure.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 24 and recommends that it be referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committee on Water, Land, &
Ocean Resources,


/ JERRY L. CHANG, Chair



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Record of Votes of the Committee on Water, Land, & Ocean Resources

Bill/Resolution No.: HR 24	Committee Referral: WLO, HED	Date: 3/2/12		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
WLO Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. CHANG, Jerry L. (C)	/			
2. HAR, Sharon E. (VC)	/			
3. CABANILLA, Rida T.R.	/			
4. CARROLL, Mele	/			
5. COFFMAN, Denny	/			
6. HERKES, Robert N.	/			
7. ITO, Ken				/
8. KAWAKAMI, Derek S.K.	/			
9. NAKASHIMA, Mark M.	/			
10. RIVIERE, Gil				/
11. THIELEN, Cynthia	/			
TOTAL (11)	9			2
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral _____ committee acronym(s) _____ did not support recommendation.				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature:				
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