
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESERVATION OF HOOPILI LANDS FOR AGRICULTURAL USE.

1 WHEREAS, presently ninety per cent of the food supply to
2 the State is imported, and increasing dependency on imported
3 food would increase the State's vulnerability to natural
4 disasters and rising fuel and oil costs; and

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6 WHEREAS, currently, the State has less than two week's
7 supply of food on the islands; and

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9 WHEREAS, there are four thousand eight hundred acres of
10 food producing agricultural land on Oahu, and the area known as
11 Hoopili represents 1,497 acres, or nearly one-third, of that
12 total; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Hoopili soil is very nutrient dense and is
15 highly fertile; approximately fifty per cent of the soil comes
16 from two groupings, molosols and vertisols, making it some of
17 the most fertile and productive agricultural land in the world;
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20 WHEREAS, the Hoopili land enables the State to produce more
21 organic and locally grown produce, making it fresher and more
22 nutritious food for the people of the State; and

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24 WHEREAS, Hoopili produces forty per cent of Oahu's fresh
25 broccoli, beans, romaine lettuce, and zucchini and more than
26 seventy per cent of Oahu's fresh corn, cantaloupe, pumpkin, and
27 honey dew melon; and

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29 WHEREAS, recently, the Land Use Commission approved a
30 development that includes 11,750 homes on the Hoopili land; and

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32 WHEREAS, the master plan for the Hoopili development
33 includes three million square feet of commercial space, five



1 schools, and only one hundred fifty-nine acres for commercial
2 farms and gardens; and

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4 WHEREAS, the development of Hoopili would add even more
5 cars on the already congested H-1 freeway and Fort Weaver Road;
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8 WHEREAS, to develop the Hoopili land for commercial and
9 residential uses, a developer will have to remove several feet
10 of the prime fertile soil, replace it with three feet of coral,
11 and place a new top layer of soil on top of the coral; and

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13 WHEREAS, after the removal of the prime fertile soil, it
14 will be impossible for the land to revert back to agricultural
15 lands if needed; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the owner of
20 Hoopili is urged not to develop the Hoopili lands for urban use
21 and to preserve the lands for agricultural use; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
25 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of
26 the Land Use Commission; the Mayor of the City and County of
27 Honolulu; the Executive Directors of D.R. Horton-Schuler
28 Division and D.R. Horton Inc.; and Donald R. Horton of D.R.
29 Horton Inc.

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32 OFFERED BY: *Frank J.arbonilla*

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