
HOUSE 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
34 schools, and only one hundred fifty-nine acres for commercial
35 farms and gardens; and



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

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

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

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

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28 OFFERED BY:

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