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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE OF HAWAII TO TAKE THE SAME POSITION AS THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI AS THE "SECOND CITY".

1 WHEREAS, for many years, the city of Honolulu maintained
2 its position as the centerpiece of Oahu; and

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4 WHEREAS, unfortunately, with a growing population and
5 growing businesses, traffic congestion has dramatically risen as
6 nearly eighty percent of Oahu's jobs are concentrated in
7 downtown Honolulu or nearby Waikiki; and

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9 WHEREAS, in the early 1970s, the City and County of
10 Honolulu's Planning Department began a general plan revision
11 program that focused on directing growth to Ewa; and

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13 WHEREAS, the general plan revision program culminated with
14 the adoption of a new Oahu general plan in 1977 and designated
15 the city of Kapolei as a "Secondary Urban Center" in order to
16 "relieve developmental pressures in the urban fringe and rural
17 areas"; and

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19 WHEREAS, because such development would ideally provide
20 relief from horrific traffic congestion and more evenly
21 distribute the rapidly increasing population, the State of
22 Hawaii, county agencies, private developers, and former Governor
23 John Waihee began advocating for urban development in other
24 regions of Oahu; and

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26 WHEREAS, former Governor Waihee and other state officials
27 stated that in developing a "Second City" they hoped to avoid
28 the kind of mistakes that have left the Waikiki area and much of
29 downtown Honolulu a concrete desert, hoping to instead recreate
30 the look of "old Honolulu" that featured low-rise buildings made
31 of wood, stone, and coral; and

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33 WHEREAS, the State had committed to relocating and
34 developing some of the public offices on eighty acres of
35 reserved land in Ewa; and



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WHEREAS, developing Kapolei as a "Second City" will be a prime example of state and county coordination in meeting the housing and population problems on Oahu; and

WHEREAS, with the State of Hawaii taking an official position to support Kapolei as a "Second City", future legislation can be directed to steer economic development, including jobs, housing, emerging industries, and education, to the leeward side of Oahu; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, that this body urges the State of Hawaii to take the same position as the City and County of Honolulu to develop Kapolei as the "Second City"; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the Hawaii Community Development Authority; Chairperson of the Hawaii Strategic Development Corporation; Chairperson of the Land Use Commission; and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.

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