
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO AMEND THE REVISED ORDINANCES OF HONOLULU TO REQUIRE THE DEPARTMENT OF ENTERPRISE SERVICES TO MAKE HOLDING COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES AT THE NEAL S. BLAISDELL CENTER A FIRST-PRIORITY USE.

1 WHEREAS, the 22.4-acre Neal S. Blaisdell Center, which
2 opened in 1964, is a bustling, vibrant, and important cultural
3 and community hub located in the heart of urban Honolulu; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Neal S. Blaisdell Center falls under the
6 direction of the Department of Enterprise Services of the City
7 and County of Honolulu; and
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9 WHEREAS, chapter 28, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu,
10 addresses the lease and rental of the Neal S. Blaisdell Center,
11 including the scheduling of and rental rates for nonprofit
12 organizations, by the Department of Enterprise Services; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Neal S. Blaisdell Center has hosted the
15 commencement exercises of thousands of Hawaii students--from
16 public and private high schools to institutions of higher
17 education; and
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19 WHEREAS, in 2018, the commencement exercises of Hawaii
20 Pacific University, Damien Memorial School, Hawaii Baptist
21 Academy, Hawaiian Mission Academy, Kalaheo High School, Kalani
22 High School, Kamehameha Schools Kapalama, Maryknoll School,
23 Myron B. Thompson Academy, Sacred Hearts Academy, Saint Francis
24 School, Saint Louis School, and Waipahu High School were held at
25 one of the venues of the Neal S. Blaisdell Center; and
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27 WHEREAS, at times, scheduling conflicts have occurred
28 between commencement exercises and other events at the Neal S.
29 Blaisdell Center; and



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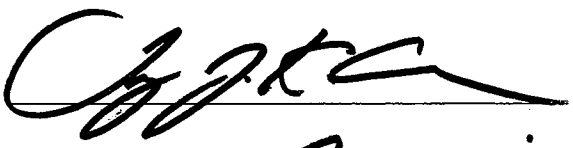

1 WHEREAS, section 28-9.3, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu,
 2 allows the Department of Enterprise Services to displace a
 3 nonprofit organization from an already-contracted date at the
 4 Neal S. Blaisdell Center to allow for the use of the facility by
 5 another tenant that will provide an event that offers greater
 6 financial benefit to the Department; and

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 8 WHEREAS, however, the children and students of Hawaii
 9 should enjoy preference over other events to commend and
 10 acknowledge their academic achievements and to encourage their
 11 further educational and professional endeavors; now, therefore,

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 13 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 14 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 15 2019, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
 16 Honolulu is strongly urged to amend the Revised Ordinances of
 17 Honolulu to require the Department of Enterprise Services to
 18 make holding commencement exercises at the Neal S. Blaisdell
 19 Center a first-priority use--i.e., to give the holding of
 20 commencement exercises precedence over other events; and

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 22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
 24 and County of Honolulu, Chairperson of the Honolulu City
 25 Council, and Director of the Department of Enterprise Services
 26 of the City and County of Honolulu.

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