
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO
DETERMINE WAYS THAT THE STATE CAN ASSIST THE CITY AND
COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN DETERRING THE CONSTRUCTION OF MONSTER
HOMES.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii neighborhoods have seen an increase in the
2 number of structures that are commonly referred to as "monster
3 homes," which are large-scale homes that are designed to house
4 several families, but are situated on property zoned for single-
5 family residential use; and

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7 WHEREAS, these monster homes are very large multi-level
8 residential structures, with some homes reported to have as many
9 as twenty-five bedrooms; and

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11 WHEREAS, these monster homes are often built to the limits
12 of lot lines and to the maximum permissible height; and

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14 WHEREAS, the construction of monster homes in single-family
15 home neighborhoods have raised many concerns, including concerns
16 about possible violations of permitting and zoning laws, a lack
17 of appropriate certificates of occupancy, and illegal
18 modification of structures to create additional units; and

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20 WHEREAS, residents of neighborhoods in which monster homes
21 are located often note an increase in noise and traffic, a
22 reduction in available public parking, a strain on the existing
23 community and surrounding infrastructure, increased building
24 density in the neighborhood, and erosion of the neighborhood's
25 character; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
29 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Director of the Office of



1 Planning is requested to convene a task force, within the
2 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism for
3 administrative purposes, to determine ways that the State can
4 assist the City and County of Honolulu in deterring the
5 construction of monster homes; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be composed of
8 the following members:

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10 (1) The Director of the Office of Planning, or the
11 Director's designee, who shall serve as the
12 chairperson of the task force;
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14 (2) The Attorney General, or the Attorney General's
15 designee;
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17 (3) The Director of Commerce and Consumer Affairs, or the
18 Director's designee;
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20 (4) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
21 the Senate;
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23 (5) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
24 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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26 (6) The Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
27 Mayor's designee;
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29 (7) The Director of Planning and Permitting of the City
30 and County of Honolulu, or the Director's designee;
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32 (8) The Corporation Counsel of the City and County of
33 Honolulu, or the Corporation Counsel's designee;
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35 (9) The Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of
36 Honolulu, or Prosecuting Attorney's designee;
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38 (10) A member of the Honolulu City Council appointed by the
39 Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council; and
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1 (11) Any other government official whose inclusion the
 2 Director of the Office of Planning believes would
 3 benefit the task force; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Office of
 6 Planning is requested to invite various representatives of the
 7 construction industry and members of the public to be members of
 8 the task force; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
 11 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including
 12 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than
 13 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
 14 2020; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the
 18 Office of Planning, Attorney General, Director of Commerce and
 19 Consumer Affairs, President of the Senate, Speaker of the House
 20 of Representatives, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu,
 21 Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of
 22 Honolulu, Corporation Counsel of the City and County of
 23 Honolulu, Prosecuting Attorney of the City and County of
 24 Honolulu, and the Chairperson of the Honolulu City Council.
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