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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO FREEZE PROPERTY TAXES AT THEIR CURRENT  
LEVELS FOR HOMEOWNERS WHO CURRENTLY, AND HAVE CONTINUOUSLY,  
RESIDED ON THEIR PROPERTY FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS.

1           WHEREAS, property tax increases have caused difficulty in  
2 maintaining homeownership by adding to the cost of one's home;  
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5           WHEREAS, extensive development has increased neighboring  
6 property values, with corresponding increases to property taxes;  
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9           WHEREAS, the fear of rising property taxes because of new  
10 developments has led to anti-development concerns; and  
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12           WHEREAS, many states have addressed this problem by  
13 limiting the growth of property taxes for owner-occupied  
14 properties; and  
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16           WHEREAS, protecting homeowners from a rise in their  
17 property taxes would make homeownership more affordable and help  
18 prevent homeowners from being forced to sell their homes; and  
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20           WHEREAS, any loss of revenues by a freeze in property taxes  
21 could be made up by property taxes collected from new  
22 developments; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
26 2020, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the counties  
27 to freeze property taxes at their current levels for homeowners  
28 who currently, and have continuously, resided on their property  
29 for the last five years; and



# H.C.R. NO. 183

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent  
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors of the City and County  
3 of Honolulu, County of Hawaii, County of Kauai, and County of  
4 Maui; and the Chairpersons of the Honolulu City Council, Hawaii  
5 County Council, Kauai County Council, and Maui County Council.

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OFFERED BY:

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