
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCLUDE COMMUNITY GARDEN OR DESIGNATED URBAN GARDEN AREA PLANS TO ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS IN THE COUNTY.

1 WHEREAS, there is a need for the development of affordable,
2 high-density units for residents of the State, especially in the
3 City and County of Honolulu; and

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5 WHEREAS, fresh foods play a significant cultural role in
6 Hawaii's diverse immigrant and Hawaiian populations, but access
7 to these foods can be difficult; and

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9 WHEREAS, much of the food in Hawaii is imported or
10 expensive, which impacts our residents' ability to access food,
11 particularly fresh food; and

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13 WHEREAS, obesity, which is a curable, lifestyle disease,
14 afflicts 11.5 percent of youths between 10 to 17 years of age
15 and 24.9 percent of adults in Hawaii, and represents a major
16 health burden to the individual and State; and

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18 WHEREAS, obesity can be reduced by increased access to
19 fresh, healthy foods; and

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21 WHEREAS, urban and community gardens increase access to
22 fresh, healthy fruits and vegetables; provide physical and
23 mental health and environmental benefits; and provide green
24 spaces; and

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26 WHEREAS, urban and community gardens can make neighborhoods
27 more attractive and increase property values; act as a safe
28 community space; be a focal point for community engagement; and
29 make communities more sustainable; and

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31 WHEREAS, since 1975, ten community gardens have been
32 established and administered by the City and County of Honolulu



1 Department of Parks and Recreation to provide people living in
2 Honolulu's densely populated communities access to garden plots;
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5 WHEREAS, since 1975, the demand for new community gardens
6 has increased as the population of the City and County of
7 Honolulu has grown, with a current wait-time for a community
8 garden plot taking months; and
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10 WHEREAS, urban and community gardens are an affordable
11 intervention since much of the administration and labor of the
12 community garden are performed by the garden organization
13 members themselves; now, therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
17 2020, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to
18 include community garden or designated urban garden area plans
19 for any new residential developments in the county; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that consideration of the community
22 garden or designated urban garden area plans include:
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- 24 (1) Access to the community garden, possibly defined in
25 terms of the number of residents within a certain
26 radius to a community garden or urban garden area;
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- 28 (2) Partnerships with developers of any new high-density
29 developments to incorporate in the building design
30 rooftop gardens and other gardening areas for new
31 high-density developments;
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- 33 (3) Input from the community regarding the location and
34 accessibility of community gardens;
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- 36 (4) Integration of community garden or designated urban
37 garden areas in other planned open spaces; and
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- 39 (5) Determination of the public benefit of adding spaces
40 for community gardens or designated urban garden
41 areas; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
3 Resolution be transmitted to Governor, Mayor of the City and
4 County of Honolulu, and Director of Parks and Recreation of the
5 City and County of Honolulu.

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