
HOUSE 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

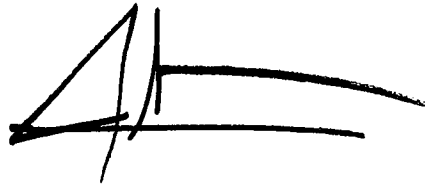
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20 WHEREAS, any loss of revenues by a freeze in property taxes
21 could be made up by property taxes collected from new
22 developments; now, therefore,

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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, that this body urges the counties to freeze property taxes
27 at their current levels for homeowners who currently, and have
28 continuously, resided on their property for the last five years;
29 and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
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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