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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE PUBLIC  
OUTREACH AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON THE  
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A STORM WATER UTILITY.

1           WHEREAS, Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 42),  
2 authorized the counties to charge user fees to create and  
3 maintain storm water management systems; and  
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5           WHEREAS, based on the authorization provided in Act 42, the  
6 City and County of Honolulu has proposed a storm water utility  
7 to collect storm water runoff and convert it into safe drinking  
8 water for the island of Oahu; and  
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10           WHEREAS, promotional materials for the proposed utility  
11 advertise it as a way to produce clean water; protect the  
12 environment; and encourage public involvement, shared  
13 responsibility, and community engagement; and  
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15           WHEREAS, in practice, the City and County of Honolulu's  
16 outreach efforts regarding the proposed utility have been  
17 limited, and many community meetings have been held on days and  
18 at times that are inconvenient for the working public; and  
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20           WHEREAS, because informational meetings have not been  
21 widely advertised or accessible, many residents may be unaware  
22 of the City and County of Honolulu's plans for the storm water  
23 utility; and  
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25           WHEREAS, many residents may be unaware that, under the  
26 existing plan, the utility would be funded through fees of up to  
27 \$28 per month for residents and up to \$2,000 per month for local  
28 businesses; now, therefore,  
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30           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
32 2020, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to make a  
33 greater effort to engage in public outreach regarding the



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1 county's plans for a storm water utility and to inform the  
2 public of all proposed monthly fees; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu  
5 is encouraged to widely advertise community meetings regarding  
6 the proposed storm water utility and to schedule the meetings on  
7 days and at times more accessible to the working public; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
10 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of  
11 Honolulu, Honolulu City Council, and Stakeholder Advisory Group  
12 for the City Department of Facility Maintenance.

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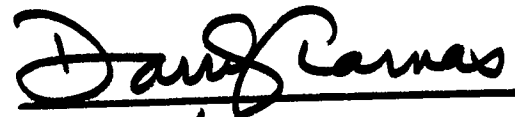
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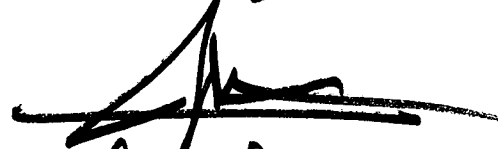
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