
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ALEXANDER & BALDWIN, INC., TO RESTORE AND REOPEN THE PALI LANES BOWLING CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Hawaii recognizes
2 the value of conserving and developing the historic and cultural
3 property within the State for the public good; and
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5 WHEREAS, section 6E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, states that
6 the historic and cultural heritage of the State is among its
7 important assets and that the rapid social and economic
8 development of contemporary society threaten to destroy the
9 remaining vestiges of this heritage; and
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11 WHEREAS, in section 6E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, the
12 Legislature further declares that it is in the public interest
13 to engage in a comprehensive program of historic preservation at
14 all levels of government to promote the use and conservation of
15 historic and cultural property for the education, inspiration,
16 pleasure, and enrichment of its citizens; and
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18 WHEREAS, section 6E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, also states
19 that it shall be the public policy of the State to provide
20 leadership in preserving, restoring, and maintaining historic
21 and cultural property, to ensure the administration of such
22 historic and cultural property in a spirit of stewardship and
23 trusteeship for future generations, and to conduct activities,
24 plans, and programs in a manner consistent with the preservation
25 and enhancement of historic and cultural property; and
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27 WHEREAS, the Pali Lanes bowling center opened in Kailua in
28 1961 where it served as a pillar of community, social life, and
29 entertainment for the residents of Windward Oahu until it was
30 forced to permanently shut its doors in 2021 as a result of the
31 economic downturn that followed the COVID-19 outbreak; and
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1 WHEREAS, Pali Lanes was listed on the Hawaii Register of
2 Historic Places in 2018 as a historically significant site on
3 the local level for its associations with the development of
4 bowling in Hawaii during the 1950s and 1960s and for serving as
5 a good example of mid-century modern design applied to a bowling
6 center; and

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8 WHEREAS, prior to its closure, Pali Lanes was one of only
9 three privately owned bowling centers from the post-war period
10 in Hawaii to remain in operation and the only such bowling
11 center to service the Windward side of Oahu; and

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13 WHEREAS, the restrictions on businesses and other public
14 places that were put in place to manage the spread of COVID-19
15 have in large part been lifted, allowing businesses to operate
16 and provide their services to the public; and

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18 WHEREAS, a 2018 survey of 4,490 Kailua residents found that
19 fifty-six percent of respondents favored maintaining Pali Lanes
20 and the surrounding area as it was, while only eighteen percent
21 of respondents expressed opposition to such an option; and

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23 WHEREAS, the current owner of the Pali Lanes property,
24 Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., is presently exploring options for
25 the redevelopment and possible future use of the Pali Lanes
26 property; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2024, that Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., is urged to
31 restore and reopen the Pali Lanes bowling center; and

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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that upon restoring and reopening
34 the Pali Lanes bowling center, Alexander & Baldwin, Inc., is
35 urged to manage the Pali Lanes property in a manner consistent
36 with the State's policy to promote the use and conservation of
37 historic properties for the education, inspiration, pleasure,
38 and enrichment of its citizens; and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Executive Officer and the



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1 Board of Directors of Alexander & Baldwin, Inc.; and the
2 Administrator of the State Historic Preservation Division.
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OFFERED BY: MKB

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