
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO CONVENE A TASK
FORCE TO STUDY PERMITTED EVENTS IN URBAN HONOLULU.

1 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu grants permits for
2 over one hundred events every year; and

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4 WHEREAS, these events range from parades, such as the
5 annual Prince Kuhio parade, to races, such as the Honolulu
6 Marathon; and

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8 WHEREAS, many of these events occur in the urban core of
9 Honolulu; and

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11 WHEREAS, to ensure the safety of participants and
12 spectators, these events often require significant road closures
13 of major arteries in urban Honolulu; and

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15 WHEREAS, depending on the event, these road closures can
16 last up to twelve hours; and

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18 WHEREAS, these road closures can be disruptive to residents
19 who live in the area where the event is taking place, sometimes
20 preventing a resident from either leaving or returning to their
21 neighborhood until the event is over, and can impede timely
22 access to emergency services; and

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24 WHEREAS, there are sometimes multiple events scheduled for
25 the same week or weekend which leads to increased traffic
26 congestion and inconvenience; 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 the City and County of Honolulu is
31 requested to convene a task force to examine permitted events in
32 urban Honolulu; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 study:

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- 4 (1) The frequency and timing of permitted events;
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- 6 (2) The impact of permitted events on the community in
7 which the event is being held;
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- 9 (3) Solutions to allow access to residents and emergency
10 services when the permitted event results in road
11 closures that enclose neighborhoods and prohibit any
12 through traffic;
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- 14 (4) The permitting process for events and the steps
15 applicants must undergo for a permit, including how
16 the applicant ensures the community in which the event
17 is located will not be adversely impacted; and
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- 19 (5) Road closure management, including any steps the
20 applicant must take to ensure road closures do not
21 impede emergency services; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
24 consist of the following individuals:

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- 26 (1) The Director of Transportation, or their designee;
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- 28 (2) The Director of the Department of Planning and
29 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, or
30 their designee;
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- 32 (3) The Director of the Department of Transportation
33 Services of the City and County of Honolulu, or their
34 designee; and
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- 36 (4) The Chief of the Honolulu Police Department, or their
37 designee; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
40 invite the following individuals to participate in the working
41 group:
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- 1 (1) A representative from an entity that has hosted either
2 a parade or a marathon;
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- 4 (2) A representative from an entity that has hosted an
5 event at Ala Moana Regional Park;
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- 7 (3) A resident from Waikiki, to be appointed by the
8 Representative of House District 24;
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- 10 (4) A resident of Ala Moana, to be appointed by the
11 Representative of House District 25; and
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- 13 (5) A resident of urban Honolulu, to be appointed by the
14 Senator of Senate District 12; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
17 make a report of its findings and recommendations, including any
18 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
19 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation;
23 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Director of the
24 Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of
25 Honolulu; Director of the Department of Transportation Services
26 of the City and County of Honolulu; and Chief of Police of the
27 Honolulu Police Department.

