HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE, 2023 STATE OF HAWAII H.C.R. NO. 65

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INTERVENE IN THE SITUATION AT SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK AND USE ANY NECESSARY LEGAL MEANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK.

WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park, located in Pearl City on 1 Oahu, is currently in legal limbo as the company that owned the 2 cemetery involuntarily dissolved in 2006 and the company's owner 3 4 passed away in 2011; and 5 6 WHEREAS, as a result, Sunset Memorial Park has been 7 neglected for years, leading to safety concerns for those with family members buried at the cemetery; and 8 9 10 WHEREAS, sunken graves and overgrown vegetation make it 11 difficult for family members to find loved ones buried at Sunset 12 Memorial Park; and 13 WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park has also been the subject of 14 vandalism, with thieves displacing ashes from copper urns and 15 homeless encampments accidentally setting fire to the area; and 16 17 18 WHEREAS, with no owner to take responsibility over the cemetery, Sunset Memorial Park currently relies on volunteers to 19 20 maintain and upkeep the cemetery; and 21 WHEREAS, however, without proper financing, the state of 22 Sunset Memorial Park continues to worsen; and 23 24 25 WHEREAS, despite Sunset Memorial Park being licensed and having a trust of \$168,000, legal issues prevent access to 26 27 trust; and 28 WHEREAS, there are no records of Sunset Memorial Park 29 30 paying property taxes from 2019 to 2022; now, therefore,

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1 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 3 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the City and County 4 5 of Honolulu is urged to intervene in the situation at Sunset 6 Memorial Park and use any necessary legal means to take control of Sunset Memorial Park; and 7 8 9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City 10 and County of Honolulu, member of the Honolulu City Council 11 12 representing District VIII, and chairperson of the Pearl City 13 Neighborhood Board No. 21. 14 15 16

OFFERED BY:

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