HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE HAWAI'I COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO CONDUCT A STUDY TO CONSIDER RESIDENTIAL, HOTEL, AND OTHER LAND USES FOR THE KAKA'AKO MAKAI AREA AND UPDATE THE KAKA'AKO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT MAKAI AREA MASTER PLAN ACCORDINGLY.

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Community Development Authority (HCDA) intends to update the Kaka'ako Community Development District Makai Area Master Plan and administrative rules in 2025; and

WHEREAS, the planning process will include community and stakeholder engagement, infrastructure assessment, traffic impact analysis, soil contamination assessment, sea level rise analysis, and cultural and historical analysis; and

WHEREAS, although the Makai Area Master Plan was updated in 2023, it did not contemplate residential, hotel and other uses, nor did it consider soil and geotechnical analysis, cultural and historical analysis, view plan impact of potentially higher densities, and sea level rise on building design and siting; and

WHEREAS, in updating the Makai Area Master Plan, the HCDA should include a robust community and stakeholder engagement process, infrastructure assessment, traffic impact analysis, soil contamination assessment, sea level rise analysis, and cultural and historical analysis, among other planning consideration; and

WHEREAS, the State continues to suffer from a shortage of affordable housing with fewer families able to afford to buy or rent a home in the State, while Native Hawaiians suffer disproportionately from this lack of affordable housing; now, therefore,

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 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is authorized to conduct a study to consider residential, hotel, and other land uses for the Kaka'ako makai area in conjunction with the updating of the Kaka'ako Community Development District Makai Area Master Plan and update the plan accordingly; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the HCDA shall:

(1) Consult with the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; University of Hawai'i at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; Department of Transportation; Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Department of Education; and the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council; and

(2) Hold a public hearing at which all interested persons may submit data or opinions, orally or in writing, in conjunction with the hearing prior to submitting the results of the study to the Legislature; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the public hearing shall be published at least thirty days prior to the hearing and shall include:

(1) The date, time, and place of the hearing;

(2) A statement of the topic of the hearing; and

(3) A description of where, when, and how the study may be viewed by the public; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the HCDA is requested to submit an interim report of the results of the study considering residential, hotel, and other land uses for the Kakaako Makai

Area to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026 and a final report no later than December 31, 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Transportation; Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Superintendent of Education; Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority; Executive Director of the Hawaii Housing Finance and Development Corporation; Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs; Dean of the University of Hawaii at Mānoa John A. Burns School of Medicine; Director of the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu; and the Chair of the Kakaako Makai Community Planning Advisory Council.