
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING
THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING TO ENSURE THAT
THE INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY TO SUPPORT ANY NEW DEVELOPMENT
IS BUILT.

1 WHEREAS, in recent years, the explosion of homes and
2 businesses, including state and municipal buildings, partly as a
3 result of Kapolei's new designation as the "Second City of Oahu"
4 has dramatically changed the face of Kapolei; and

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6 WHEREAS, while the resident population has taken an upward
7 spike, the roads, water systems, schools, and other necessary
8 infrastructure supporting the region have not kept up with the
9 rapid pace of development and population growth; and

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11 WHEREAS, additional development that is planned in the near
12 future, including over 4,000 new homes, the office buildings of
13 the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands that will house its 100
14 employees, the University of Hawaii's new West Oahu campus with
15 its proposed 1,520 students, and other businesses, is expected
16 to place an unbearable strain on the neighborhood; and

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18 WHEREAS, this type of sudden and overwhelming growth is
19 likely to strain the infrastructure, for example, by:

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21 (1) Frustrating residents who must spend the bulk of their
22 day waiting in traffic to use one road to get in and
23 out of the neighborhood because of traffic congestion
24 from the increase in commuters;

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26 (2) Causing damage to local roads that were not built to
27 withstand the increased load of traffic; and
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1 (3) Endangering residents in need of emergency services
2 because emergency vehicles are delayed by heavy
3 traffic;

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6 WHEREAS, this growth is also likely to place pressure
7 on water resources, by increasing the number of users without
8 increasing the capacity of water supply; and

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10 WHEREAS, this growth is also likely to burden the local
11 schools and its students who will receive less attention, by
12 increasing the number of students without allocating more
13 resources; now, therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
17 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Honolulu City
18 Council is urged to adopt a city ordinance requiring the
19 Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of
20 Honolulu to make a determination prior to issuing any occupancy
21 permit for any residential units that:

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23 (1) All public services, including fire and police
24 protection and solid waste disposal;

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26 (2) Infrastructure, including highway and street
27 improvements, water supply, storage and distribution
28 facilities, and sewage collection and treatment
29 facilities; and

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31 (3) Educational facilities,

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33 are being concurrently expanded to adequately service the new
34 residential units; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
37 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
38 City Council and the Department of Planning and Permitting of
39 the City and County of Honolulu.

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