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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE FINES FOR  
MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF COUNTY PROPERTY AND PUBLIC HEALTH  
ORDINANCES.

1           WHEREAS, Hawai'i is the most beautiful state in America  
2 and Honolulu is the loveliest capital city, and tourists and  
3 residents alike enjoy the beautiful scenery and charming  
4 neighborhoods; and  
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6           WHEREAS, most residents take pains to maintain their  
7 properties, but there are those who neglect their homes and  
8 allow them to become run-down and a blight upon their  
9 neighborhoods; and  
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11           WHEREAS, there may be cases where a wealthy person  
12 purchases dozens of homes in a small area, allow many of them to  
13 remain vacant, become run-down, broken into by vagrants, become  
14 overgrown, and cause neighboring homes to lose value; and  
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16           WHEREAS, the City has, in one case, issued over 50  
17 citations to one individual who owns 24 properties when the  
18 individual failed to obtain demolition permits, allowed the  
19 properties to become overgrown and blighted, and when other  
20 county ordinances were violated; and  
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22           WHEREAS, a few violations may not seriously impact one  
23 neighborhood, but when an owner allows several properties to  
24 amass multiple uncorrected violations in a relatively short  
25 period of time, creating a public health and blight problem,  
26 then the sheer number becomes an egregious insult to other  
27 owners and may reduce the value of nearby homes; and  
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29           WHEREAS, a reduction in the property value of homes in an  
30 entire neighborhood provides grounds for the reduction of real  
31 property taxes, creating a perfect storm of events in a time of



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1 global recession when the City and County of Honolulu, like  
2 other counties and the State, are facing budget problems; and  
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4 WHEREAS, if a person owns at least five properties that  
5 have amassed five citations in a period of 5 years in a one  
6 square mile area, then it is incumbent on the City to assess a  
7 sufficiently significant fine or penalty to encourage that  
8 person to maintain his property in accordance with community  
9 standards or subdivision covenants; now, therefore,  
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
12 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
13 of 2010, that the City and County of Honolulu is requested to  
14 increase fines or penalties when an owner is cited for multiple  
15 violations for property violations within a certain time period  
16 and within a certain area; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
19 Resolution be transmitted to the Honorable Mufi Hannemann, Mayor  
20 of the City & County of Honolulu, all Honolulu City Council  
21 members, the Kahala Community Association, the Kahala Business  
22 Association, and the Waiialae-Kahala Neighborhood Board No. 3.  
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