
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS ON REASONABLE
RESTRICTIONS ON FLYING THE UNITED STATES AND STATE FLAG
WITHIN PLANNED COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS AND CONDOMINIUMS.

1 WHEREAS, a flag is one of the most widely employed and
2 recognizable symbols used to represent a nation, entity, or
3 organization; and
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5 WHEREAS, the Flag of the United States of America, or
6 American Flag, is one such symbol that represents the ideals
7 that were used to establish this country, including those of
8 life, liberty, equality, and the pursuit of happiness; and
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10 WHEREAS, the American Flag is frequently displayed, not
11 only on public buildings, but on private residences, and is also
12 used as a motif on decals for car windows and on clothing
13 ornaments such as badges and lapel pins; and
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15 WHEREAS, the display of, and respect for, the American Flag
16 as a symbol of the United States of America holds such
17 importance that guidelines for the use, display, and disposal of
18 the flag are codified in various Titles of the United States
19 Code, including Title 4, Title 18, and Title 36; and
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21 WHEREAS, respect and display protocols exist for numerous
22 flags around the world, including state flags and international
23 flags; and
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25 WHEREAS, community associations are often charged with
26 duties that include developing rules and regulations to preserve
27 the aesthetic conditions of the entire community, which at times
28 may involve establishing restrictions on the display of flags in
29 the community; and
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31 WHEREAS, these restrictions have resulted in emotional
32 situations to which compromises need to be found that preserve
33 the aesthetic quality of a planned community while allowing for
34 the reasonable display of flags; now, therefore,



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 2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 3 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
 4 of 2010, that there is hereby established a task force (Task
 5 Force), to be placed within the State Department of Defense for
 6 administrative purposes only, to draft recommendations on
 7 reasonable restrictions and protocols for the respectful display
 8 of the United States and State flag by homeowners belonging to a
 9 planned community association and condominium association; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Task Force shall be
 12 composed of members representing the State Department of Defense
 13 or the Veterans' Administration, various veterans organizations,
 14 community associations, and homeowners belonging to community
 15 associations; and

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 17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Adjutant General of the
 18 State of Hawaii, or the Veterans' Administration, shall serve as
 19 chair of the Task Force, shall select the members of the Task
 20 Force, and shall report the findings and recommendations of the
 21 Task Force, including any proposed legislation, to the
 22 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
 23 Regular Session of 2012; and

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 25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 26 Resolution be transmitted to the Adjutant General, State
 27 Department of Defense, and the Veterans' Administration.
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