## HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TWENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE, 2011 STATE OF HAWAII

H.C.R. NO. 27

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO EXTEND HISTORIC PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS TO INFILL HOMES WITHIN THE EWA VILLAGES HISTORIC DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, homes situated on land within a built-up area for 1 further construction, especially as part of a community 2 redevelopment or growth management program, are known as infill 3 4 homes; and 5 6 WHEREAS, infill homes are also referred to as homes located 7 on empty land within an otherwise developed area; and 8 WHEREAS, infill homes are essential to renewing 9 neighborhoods and in developing more prosperous communities; and 10 11 WHEREAS, infill homes in Ewa Villages' historic district 12 are under the same construction and design constraints as the 13 14 original plantation homes within the historical core; and 15 WHEREAS, since 1983, historic structures in all four of 16 17 Hawaii's counties have been preserved as a result of thoughtful ordinances exempting historic residences from real property tax; 18 and 19 20 WHEREAS, in 2004, the City and County of Honolulu also 21 provided a 50 percent property tax exemption for historical 22 commercial properties; and 23 24 WHEREAS, historical building codes are very stringent, 25 26 prohibiting homeowners from expansion, and establish strict 27 constraints on fencing, parking, and exterior facades; now, 28 therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Chairperson and members of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu are urged to extend historic property tax exemptions to infill homes within the Ewa Villages historic district; and

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City 10 and County of Honolulu and the Chairperson and members of the 11 Council of the City and Council of Honolulu.

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