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

## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO REPLACE ALL THE CESSPOOLS AND SEPTIC TANKS IN EWA AND HONOULIULI AND CONNECT THESE COMMUNITIES TO THE CITY SEWER SYSTEM.

WHEREAS, the sewer fees in the City and County of Honolulu 1 have recently been increased by 38 percent; and 2 3 4 WHEREAS, the intention of the increase was to fix and 5 retrofit the aging sewer system of the city; and 6 7 WHEREAS, the sewer system of Ewa and Honouliuli, which consists of cesspool and septic tanks, has been neglected since 8 its inception; and 9 10 WHEREAS, though they are not connected to a sewer line, the 11 residents of Ewa and Honouliuli are assessed the same sewer fees 12 13 as residents in other areas that are connected to a sewer line; 14 and 15 WHEREAS, leaky cesspools and septic tanks pose a threat to 16 the environment, and the health and welfare of the Ewa and 17 Honouliuli neighborhoods; and 18 19 WHEREAS, the lack of an updated sewer system in Ewa and 20 Honouliuli shows a measure of social and economic disparity 21 between these neighborhoods and other neighborhoods; and 22 23 WHEREAS, with respect to neighborhood and structural 24 improvements, the residents of Ewa and Honouliuli deserve parity 25 with residents of other areas, since Ewa and Honouliuli 26 residents pay comparable taxes and sewer fees; now, therefore, 27

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 1 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session 2 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that this body urges the Mayor 3 and City Council of the City and County of Honolulu to replace 4 5 the septic tanks and cesspools in Ewa and Honouliuli and connect these communities to the main city sewer system; and 6 7

8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, each member of the City Council of the 10 City and County of Honolulu, and the Ewa Neighborhood Board. 11

OFFERED BY:

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