HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO ADJUST REAL PROPERTY TAX RATES TO ADDRESS THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF MONSTER HOMES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii neighborhoods have seen an increase in the number of structures that are commonly referred to as "monster homes," which are large-scale homes that are designed to house several families or individuals, but are situated on property that is zoned for single-family residential use; and

WHEREAS, these monster homes are very large multi-level residential structures, with some homes reported to have as many as twenty-five bedrooms; and

WHEREAS, these monster homes are often built to the limits of lot lines and to the maximum permissible height; and

WHEREAS, the construction of monster homes in single-family home neighborhoods has raised many concerns, including concerns about possible violations of permitting and zoning laws, a lack of appropriate certificates of occupancy, and illegal modification of structures to create additional units; and

WHEREAS, the construction of monster homes increases the assessed value of real property in the surrounding area, which results in higher real property taxes being imposed on homes located near monster homes; and

WHEREAS, residents of neighborhoods in which monster homes are located often note an increase in noise and traffic, a reduction in available public parking, a strain on the existing community and surrounding infrastructure, increased building density in the neighborhood, and erosion of the neighborhood's character; now, therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the Senate concurring, that the counties are urged to adjust real property tax rates to address the construction and operation of monster homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are urged to increase real property tax rates for monster homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the counties are urged to reduce and set cap amounts for real property taxes on homes located near monster homes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and Chairperson of the Council of each county.

OFFERED BY:

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