HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO USE THE WAI'ANAE SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITIES PLAN, INCLUDING ANY UPDATES THAT MAY BE ENACTED BY ORDINANCE, WHEN APPROVING PLANNING PERMITS ISSUED FOR DEVELOPMENTS ON THE WAI'ANAE COAST.

WHEREAS, Wai'anae is one of the most historic and culturally rich areas of O'ahu; and

WHEREAS, the development of communities in Leeward O'ahu, including along the Wai'anae coast, has steadily increased in the past decades; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu City Council adopted the revised Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan on March 2, 2012, as Ordinance 12-3, which presents a vision for Wai'anae's future development; and

WHEREAS, although the Waiʻanae Sustainable Communities Plan consists of policies, guidelines, and conceptual schemes that serve as a guide for development, the City and County of Honolulu has not referenced the plan when issuing permits for development along the Waiʻanae coast; and

WHEREAS, while ensuring adequate infrastructure and services for new developments is important, equally important is the impact that these new developments and the need for more infrastructure will have on existing adjoining communities and regions; and

WHEREAS, incorporating the Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan in the planning and development of the Wai'anae coast, including any updates that may be enacted by ordinance, will better serve the constituents living in the area and support the recognition of places with unique cultural and historical value

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such as the Ohikilolo and Kanehunamoku wahi pana; 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, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to use the Wai'anae Sustainable Communities Plan, including any updates that may be enacted by ordinance, when approving planning permits issued for developments on the Wai'anae coast; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

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