
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND PERMITTING OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, MAYOR OF THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU, AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ENSURE GREATER PUBLIC INPUT PRIOR TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF WIND MACHINES HAVING A RATED CAPACITY OF UP TO ONE HUNDRED KILOWATTS.

1 WHEREAS, pursuant to table 21-3 of the Revised Ordinances
2 of Honolulu, conditional use permits (minor) are required for
3 wind machines having a rated capacity of up to one hundred
4 kilowatts, and conditional use permits (major) are required for
5 all wind machines having a rated capacity of over one hundred
6 kilowatts; and
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8 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 21-5.700(c), Revised
9 Ordinances of Honolulu, accessory wind machines having a rated
10 capacity of up to one hundred kilowatts may be installed in
11 agricultural and country zoning districts; and
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13 WHEREAS, section 21-2.40-2, Revised Ordinances of Honolulu,
14 requires the Director of Planning and Permitting to hold a
15 public hearing regarding any application for "any major permit
16 which does not require the approval of the city council;" and
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18 WHEREAS, conversely, section 21-2.40-1, Revised Ordinances
19 of Honolulu, only requires that the Director of Planning and
20 Permitting ask adjoining property owners if the owners would
21 like to have a public hearing, and if "in the judgment of the
22 director, there is sufficient cause to hold a public hearing,
23 the director shall hold a public hearing;" and
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25 WHEREAS, the noise pollution, shadow flicker, and flashing
26 red lights caused by wind machines may adversely affect
27 neighboring communities and property owners; and
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29 WHEREAS, changing conditional use permits required for wind
30 machines having a rated capacity of up to one hundred kilowatts
31 from minor to major permits will allow for greater public input;
32 now, therefore,
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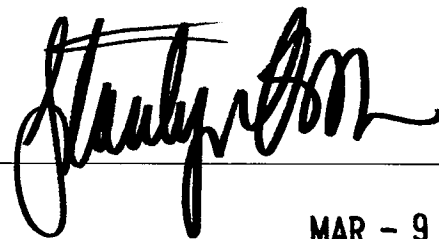
1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2022, the House of Representatives concurring, the Department
4 of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu,
5 Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Honolulu City
6 Council are urged to ensure that:

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8 (1) Wind machines having a rated capacity of up to one
9 hundred kilowatts are subject to a more stringent
10 conditional use permit application review process by
11 amending Chapter 21 of the Revised Ordinances of
12 Honolulu to require a conditional use permit (major)
13 for all wind machines; and
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15 (2) Waivers of compliance with Hawaii's environmental
16 impact statement law, codified in Chapter 343, Hawaii
17 Revised Statutes, for wind machines having a rated
18 capacity of up to one hundred kilowatts are
19 prohibited; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
23 Honolulu, Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and
24 County of Honolulu, and Chairperson of the Honolulu City
25 Council.
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