
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INTERVENE IN THE
SITUATION AT SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK AND USE ANY NECESSARY
LEGAL MEANS TO TAKE CONTROL OF SUNSET MEMORIAL PARK.

1 WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park, located in Pearl City on
2 Oahu, is currently in legal limbo as the company that owned the
3 cemetery involuntarily dissolved in 2006 and the company's owner
4 passed away in 2011; and

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6 WHEREAS, as a result, Sunset Memorial Park has been
7 neglected for years, leading to safety concerns for those with
8 family members buried at the cemetery; and

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10 WHEREAS, sunken graves and overgrown vegetation make it
11 difficult for family members to find loved ones buried at Sunset
12 Memorial Park; and

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14 WHEREAS, Sunset Memorial Park has also been the subject of
15 vandalism, with thieves displacing ashes from copper urns and
16 homeless encampments accidentally setting fire to the area; and

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18 WHEREAS, with no owner to take responsibility over the
19 cemetery, Sunset Memorial Park currently relies on volunteers to
20 maintain and upkeep the cemetery; and

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22 WHEREAS, however, without proper financing, the state of
23 Sunset Memorial Park continues to worsen; and

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25 WHEREAS, despite Sunset Memorial Park being licensed and
26 having a trust of \$168,000, legal issues prevent access to
27 trust; and

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29 WHEREAS, there are no records of Sunset Memorial Park
30 paying property taxes from 2019 to 2022; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2023, that the City and County of Honolulu is urged
4 to intervene in the situation at Sunset Memorial Park and use
5 any necessary legal means to take control of Sunset Memorial
6 Park; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
10 Honolulu, member of the Honolulu City Council representing
11 District VIII, and chairperson of the Pearl City Neighborhood
12 Board No. 21.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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