
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU AND DEVELOPERS TO
COORDINATE THEIR INFRASTRUCTURE PLANS AND COLLABORATE WITH
STAKEHOLDERS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE INFRASTRUCTURE BE IN PLACE
PRIOR TO BUILDING NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's state infrastructure received an overall
2 D+ rating, according to a report from the American Society of
3 Civil Engineers; and
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5 WHEREAS, for decades, the needs of Hawaii infrastructure
6 have been overlooked, used beyond their structural life span,
7 and struggle from a lack of systemic financing; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State was fortunate to receive a \$6.6 million
10 federal grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban
11 Development, however, this hardly covers the estimated \$1.1
12 billion in unfunded infrastructure needs; and
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14 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu has had a poor
15 track record with prematurely awarding development contracts;
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18 WHEREAS, developers continue to race to build new homes
19 without the proper infrastructure in place or the foresight for
20 the communities' needs following new housing developments; and
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22 WHEREAS, West Oahu has been experiencing an influx of
23 development without the proper upgrades to infrastructure; and
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25 WHEREAS, the issues of inadequate infrastructure have led
26 to the delays of countless housing options to address the
27 State's fifty-thousand-unit housing shortage; and
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29 WHEREAS, the 2024 annual report of the Hawaii Interagency
30 Council for Transit-Oriented Development found key



1 recommendations such as coordinating State and county
2 infrastructure plans and revising county policies to enhance
3 existing tools and improve market conditions; and
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5 WHEREAS, this body finds that the State cannot adequately
6 address the housing demands that residents have until overcoming
7 infrastructural needs; now, therefore,
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
10 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
11 of 2025, that the City and County of Honolulu and developers are
12 urged to coordinate their infrastructure plans and collaborate
13 with stakeholders to ensure adequate infrastructure be in place
14 prior to building new housing developments; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
18 Hawaii Public Housing Authority, Mayor of the City and County of
19 Honolulu, City Councilmember representing District 1, Director
20 of the Department of Planning and Permitting of Honolulu,
21 President of D.R. Horton, and President of Gentry Homes.
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