
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING ALL COUNTY PLANNING AND PERMITTING AGENCIES TO DENY ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION, EXPANSION, OR USE OF WAREHOUSES BY UNITED STATES IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS ENFORCEMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DETAINING INDIVIDUALS FACING DEPORTATION.

1 WHEREAS, in July 2025, Congress appropriated
2 \$45,000,000,000 to United States Immigration and Customs
3 Enforcement to build new immigration detention centers; and
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5 WHEREAS, according to reports by the Washington Post,
6 United States Immigration and Customs Enforcement intends to use
7 these funds to acquire large warehouses to incarcerate people
8 who are set to be deported; and
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10 WHEREAS, once operational, individuals will be transferred
11 from local processing sites to the warehouses, some of which are
12 expected to hold up to ten thousand people; and
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14 WHEREAS, once transferred to these warehouses, individuals
15 could be far from their homes, families, and legal counsel; and
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17 WHEREAS, this system is dehumanizing, creates an
18 immigration system rooted in mass incarceration, and deprives
19 immigrants of individual dignity and due process; and
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21 WHEREAS, state and local officials across the country have
22 expressed serious concerns regarding the health and safety of
23 incarcerating individuals in these warehouses as well as the
24 strain such facilities would place on local resources; and
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26 WHEREAS, the use of these warehouses for mass incarceration
27 is contrary to Hawaii's priorities and values, which emphasize
28 dignity and respect for all individuals, regardless of
29 immigration status; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2026, that all county planning and permitting agencies are
4 urged to deny all permit applications related to the
5 construction, expansion, or use of warehouses by United States
6 Immigration and Customs Enforcement for the purpose of detaining
7 individuals facing deportation; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Resolution be transmitted to Director of the Department of
11 Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu;
12 Director of the Planning Department of the County of Maui;
13 Planning Director of the Planning Department of the County of
14 Hawaii; and Planning Director of the Planning Department of the
15 County of Kauai.

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