
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO EXPEDITE THE REVIEW OF
THE EWA DEVELOPMENT PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, the Ewa Development Plan was written in 1995 as a
2 living document to serve as a guiding document for the growth of
3 the Ewa plains after the closure of the sugar cane plantations;
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6 WHEREAS, the initial plan was written with provisions for
7 infrastructure to support the expected population growth,
8 protection of historical buildings and other significant
9 entities; and

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11 WHEREAS, the City & County of Honolulu was charge with this
12 responsibility of implementing and updating the plan, and the
13 steward of the land; and

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15 WHEREAS, the plan was never reviewed since inception and
16 the requisites for development was never followed; and

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18 WHEREAS, the need for water and the capability for sewer
19 treatment needs to be addressed; and

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21 WHEREAS, the current traffic congestion especially on
22 Renton Road, Fort Weaver Road, and the freeway from the middle
23 street merge to the H1-H2 merge are severely impacting the
24 quality of life of the people of Ewa; and

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26 WHEREAS, schools capacities are overcrowded and the state
27 cannot afford to build the infrastructure needed to support this
28 population influx; and

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30 WHEREAS, there is no certainty as to the completion of any
31 transportation or transit alternatives; and

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33 WHEREAS, the City & County of Honolulu has and will
34 continue to issue building permit in spite of this dilemma; and

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1 WHEREAS, three huge development coming to Leeward and
2 Central Oahu with 24,000 homes adding approximately 36,000 cars;
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5 WHEREAS, the state has only limited resources to build
6 highways or freeways and transit infrastructure; now, therefore,
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8 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
9 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
10 of 2009, that the city and county of Honolulu slow down the
11 development of the Ewa plains and expedite the completion of the
12 Ewa development plan with adequate safeguards for the protection
13 of important agricultural lands, open spaces, parks, endangered
14 species and the historical buildings and sites; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Land Use Commission not re-
17 classify any agricultural land until the Ewa Development Plan is
18 completed; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
21 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor, the City Council, City
22 of Honolulu Department of Planning and Permitting, the Director
23 and all members of the Land Use Commission.
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