
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO PRIORITIZE THE DEVELOPMENT OF KAPOLEI INTO A JOB
CENTER IN SUPPORT OF THE STATE AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF
HONOLULU'S POLICIES TO DEVELOP KAPOLEI INTO OAHU'S
"SECONDARY URBAN CENTER".

1 WHEREAS, the State and the City and County of Honolulu have
2 longstanding policies to direct development to Kapolei to manage
3 urban growth, preserve open space, and protect the State's
4 unique environment; and

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6 WHEREAS, Kapolei, recognized as Oahu's "Secondary Urban
7 Center", is a city where major economic activity should occur
8 and government services should be offered to residents; and

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10 WHEREAS, the State has supported Kapolei's growth through
11 the development and construction of the University of Hawaii at
12 West Oahu, Kapolei's State Office Building and Judiciary
13 Building, Villages of Kapolei, and the creation and expansion of
14 Kalaeloa Harbor; and

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16 WHEREAS, a significant number of residents live in West
17 Oahu and Central Oahu; however, the majority of jobs are still
18 in Honolulu, and this has led to Honolulu being designated as
19 the most congested metropolitan area in the United States and
20 the second most congested metropolitan area in the world in
21 2014; and

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23 WHEREAS, West Oahu's population growth has outpaced job
24 growth and is exacerbating traffic congestion, diminishing the
25 quality of life of many of Oahu's residents and resulting in an
26 increase in taxes to fund traffic solutions; and

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28 WHEREAS, the Department of Business, Economic Development,
29 and Tourism currently does not have a specific program that



1 supports the development of Kapolei as Oahu's "Secondary Urban
2 Center"; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and attached
8 agencies are requested to prioritize the development of Kapolei
9 into a job center in support of the State and the City and
10 County of Honolulu's policies to develop Kapolei into Oahu's
11 "Secondary Urban Center"; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
14 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to set goals and
15 develop a strategy and implementation plan to steer economic
16 development, including jobs, housing, emerging industries, and
17 education, to Kapolei and truly make it Oahu's "Secondary Urban
18 Center"; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
21 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to work with
22 businesses and business groups, such as the Kapolei Chamber of
23 Commerce, to determine a program of incentives that will
24 effectively encourage more companies to locate or relocate to
25 Kapolei; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
28 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to ensure that
29 the incentives are available to any business, regardless of
30 industry, that meets the established criteria developed by the
31 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism in
32 cooperation with businesses and business groups, such as the
33 Kapolei Chamber of Commerce; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
37 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of
38 the Hawaii Community Development Authority; Mayor of the City



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1 and County of Honolulu; and Executive Director of the Kapolei
2 Chamber of Commerce.

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