WHEREAS, urban Honolulu is a densely populated area and an influx of new residents will place additional stress upon the existing neighborhood infrastructure, such as limited on-street parking; and

WHEREAS, homeowners in urban Honolulu are able to add extensions to their property, known as ohana units and accessory dwelling units; and

WHEREAS, there are different requirements for an ohana unit, which may be rented only to family members related to the homeowner by blood, adoption, or marriage, and an accessory dwelling unit, which may be rented to anyone; and

WHEREAS, homeowners who build ohana units for the homeowner's extended family are required to provide two parking spaces to accommodate the ohana dwelling residents in addition to the required parking spaces for the existing home; and

WHEREAS, the current planning and permitting process requires that only one parking space be designated for the accessory dwelling unit in addition to the required parking spaces for the existing home; and

WHEREAS, the current planning and permitting process does not require that a parking space be provided for the accessory dwelling unit if the accessory dwelling unit is located within one-half mile of a planned rail station; and

WHEREAS, as of September 2017, the City and County of Honolulu approved 248 permits for accessory dwelling units and have placed another 113 permit applications under review; and
WHEREAS, there are approximately 20,000 lots in Honolulu zoned for accessory dwelling units and homeowners' interest in building accessory dwelling units increased in 2016 after the City and County of Honolulu approved a two-year fee waiver of fees associated with building an accessory dwelling unit; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, that the Department of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu is requested to reevaluate the permitting process and consider requiring two parking spaces to be located on the lot where the accessory dwelling unit is located regardless of whether the lot is located within one-half mile of an existing or proposed rail station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu and the Director of Planning and Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu.

OFFERED BY:

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