
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INCREASE PUBLIC
OUTREACH AND ENCOURAGE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT ON THE
POTENTIAL DEVELOPMENT OF A STORM WATER UTILITY.

1 WHEREAS, Act 42, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015 (Act 42),
2 authorized the counties to charge user fees to create and
3 maintain storm water management systems; and
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5 WHEREAS, based on the authorization provided in Act 42, the
6 City and County of Honolulu has proposed a storm water utility
7 to collect storm water runoff and convert it into safe drinking
8 water for the island of Oahu; and
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10 WHEREAS, promotional materials for the proposed utility
11 advertise it as a way to produce clean water; protect the
12 environment; and encourage public involvement, shared
13 responsibility, and community engagement; and
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15 WHEREAS, in practice, the City and County of Honolulu's
16 outreach efforts regarding the proposed utility have been
17 limited, and many community meetings have been held on days and
18 at times that are inconvenient for the working public; and
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20 WHEREAS, because informational meetings have not been
21 widely advertised or accessible, many residents may be unaware
22 of the City and County of Honolulu's plans for the storm water
23 utility; and
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25 WHEREAS, many residents may be unaware that, under the
26 existing plan, the utility would be funded through fees of up to
27 \$28 per month for residents and up to \$2,000 per month for local
28 businesses; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of



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1 2020, the Senate concurring, that the City and County of
 2 Honolulu is urged to make a greater effort to engage in public
 3 outreach regarding the county's plans for a storm water utility
 4 and to inform the public of all proposed monthly fees; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City and County of Honolulu
 7 is encouraged to widely advertise community meetings regarding
 8 the proposed storm water utility and to schedule the meetings on
 9 days and at times more accessible to the working public; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City
 13 and County of Honolulu, Honolulu City Council, and Stakeholder
 14 Advisory Group for the City Department of Facility Maintenance.
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