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Legislative Update Resolutions

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Below is a list of the resolutions affecting HCDA that have passed the legislature this session. For more information visit capitol.hawaii.gov.

HCR 161 - Requesting the Hawaii Community Development Authority to study properties in or around Kakaako to recommend appropriate sites for a new fire station or, alternatively, to identify existing fire stations that may be relocated or expanded to more effectively serve the Kakaako community.

Reporting requirement: HCDA is to study properties in and around Kakaako and recommend appropriate sites for a new fire station that meets specifications recommended by HFD and recommend ways and means to construct the station upon the recommended sites. HCDA to examine the feasibility of relocating or expanding existing fire stations in or around Kakaako in lieu of, or in addition to, constructing a new fire station. Report on findings and recommendations to the legislature at least 20 days prior to regular session 2020.

<u>HCR 36</u> - Urging the governor's coordinator on homelessness and the City and County of Honolulu to come together and prioritize their homelessness efforts in the area surrounding the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center by convening a task force.

Reporting requirement: Governor's Homeless Coordinator shall submit a report of its findings & recommendations, including any proposed legislation. The taskforce will develop strategies and a plan that will protect the Hawaii Children's Discovery Center by preventing unsanitary conditions, vandalism, and other criminal activity.

HCR 193 - Requesting the auditor to conduct a follow-up study to its 2015 study of departmental engineering sections that manage capital improvement projects.

Reporting requirement: Auditor submit a report to the legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation.

SR 69 - Encouraging the Hawaii Community Development Authority to prioritize investment in public facilities within transit-oriented development zones and the Kalaeloa community development district in any of its statewide planning functions or involvement therein.

HR 174 - Requesting the auditor to conduct a follow-up study to its 2015 study of departmental engineering sections that manage capital improvement projects.

Reporting requirement: Auditor to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation. Auditor to conduct a follow up study to its 2015 study of departmental engineering sections that manage capital improvement projects including 1) examination of various departmental engineering offices to ascertain whether the Auditor's recommendations have been implemented; and 2) a review of the implementation and effectiveness of the annual training conducted by the comptroller in accordance with section 103-12, HRS.

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO STUDY PROPERTIES IN OR AROUND KAKAAKO TO RECOMMEND APPROPRIATE SITES FOR A NEW FIRE STATION OR, ALTERNATIVELY, TO IDENTIFY EXISTING FIRE STATIONS THAT MAY BE RELOCATED OR EXPANDED TO MORE EFFECTIVELY SERVE THE KAKAAKO COMMUNITY.

WHEREAS, in 1976, the Legislature recognized the lack of timely revitalization of underutilized urban communities in the State, and determined that a new concept of urban planning and redevelopment was needed to supplement traditional methods of community redevelopment; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature created the Hawaii Community Development Authority codified as chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised Statutes, an agency which would "join the strengths of private enterprise, public development and regulation into a new form capable of long-range planning and implementation of improved community development"; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority designated the Kakaako area as the first community development district; and

WHEREAS, as a result of subsequent Hawaii Community Development Authority actions, the community of Kakaako has undergone major revitalization efforts that have transformed the area into a dense, urban community with dozens of high-rises and millions of square feet of new commercial space; and

WHEREAS, the Hawaii Community Development Authority estimates that planned Kakaako developments will increase the residential population by twenty thousand to over forty thousand individuals by 2030; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu Fire Station 9 - Kakaako is primarily responsible for providing emergency response to Kakaako; and

WHEREAS, the Fire Station 9, built in 1972, was not designed to accommodate the area's projected growth, and the site has no space for expansion to meet the challenges posed by the increased residential and transient populations, proposed residential structures, and commercial development in Kakaako; and

WHEREAS, emergency response is time-sensitive, and providing emergency services to high-rise locations presents unique challenges, one of which is a longer response time due to the need for emergency responders to travel from street-level to the high-rise residence and back down; and

WHEREAS, to compensate for longer response times, the distance between locations in Kakaako and the nearest fire station must be reduced; and

WHEREAS, the total number of responses to Kakaako from Fire Station 9 has increased by more than three hundred twenty-seven percent from 2001 to 2018; and

WHEREAS, given the rapidly increasing residential and transient populations, numerous completed and planned residential high-rises, and expanding commercial development, in 2018, the Honolulu Fire Department recommended that a new fire station be built to provide additional first responder services to Kakaako; and

WHEREAS, a fire station may house and support personnel and equipment for firefighting, emergency medical services, and police; and

WHEREAS, the State, through the Hawaii Community
Development Authority under chapter 206E, Hawaii Revised
Statutes, has planning authority over Kakaako, superseding the
planning authority of the City and County of Honolulu; now,
therefore,

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BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is requested to study properties in and around the Kakaako community development district and recommend appropriate sites for a new fire station that meets specifications recommended by the Honolulu Fire Department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is requested to recommend ways and means, if necessary, to construct a fire station upon the recommended sites, for use by the City and County of Honolulu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is requested to examine the feasibility of relocating or expanding existing fire stations in or around Kakaako in lieu of, or in addition to, constructing a new fire station; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority and Chief of the Honolulu Fire Department.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR'S COORDINATOR ON HOMELESSNESS AND THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO COME TOGETHER AND PRIORITIZE THEIR HOMELESSNESS EFFORTS IN THE AREA SURROUNDING THE HAWAI'I CHILDREN'S DISCOVERY CENTER BY CONVENING A TASK FORCE.

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center is an educational facility where children and parents can learn by using their senses to explore, discover, imagine, and dream; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, the first and only children's museum in the State, is located in downtown Honolulu and offers both indoor and outdoor educational programming for children; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center is also a major tourist attraction for many families visiting Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, learning while playing is a key to childhood development, and the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center allows its patrons to do so in a unique facility with four major galleries, each filled with hands-on, interactive exhibits; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center staff continues to work diligently to continue offering its programs, but must do so under unfavorable circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, parents, and members of the community have raised concerns about the impact of the homeless encampments in the surrounding area; and

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WHEREAS, health and safety concerns have been brought up about the outside and parking lot areas of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, which are often unsanitary and require excessive maintenance; and

WHEREAS, the impact of the homeless encampments have included reports of violence, drug dealing, crime, and other illicit behavior that pose a safety concern for the children and families that enter and leave the Center every day; and

WHEREAS, although the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center staff have operated over the years with empathy and a sense of aloha for individuals experiencing homelessness, the homeless encampments have become so detrimental to the Center and its patrons that it may force them to close down; and

WHEREAS, although different community groups, including one comprised of homeless individuals who reside in the area, have attempted to move the homeless encampments away from the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, the homeless encampments still persist near and around the Center; and

WHEREAS, although steps have been taken to address the issue, there has not been a unified approach, resulting in delayed progress, miscommunication, and tension among all parties involved; and

WHEREAS, the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center and various community groups have expressed their willingness to work together to address homeless issues; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness and the City and County of Honolulu are urged to come together and prioritize their homelessness efforts in the area surrounding the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center by convening a task force; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness is requested to convene a task force consisting of

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the Director of Public Safety, a member of the House of Representatives, a member of the Senate, a member of the Honolulu City Council, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center, and representatives of vested community partners to work together to develop strategies and a plan that will assist individuals and families facing homelessness around the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center and outline the tasks and responsibilities of each stakeholder; and

> BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force will develop strategies and a plan that will protect the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center and surrounding areas by preventing unsanitary conditions, littering, vandalism, property damage, trespassing, unlawful entry, and other criminal or illicit activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness shall act as the Chairperson of the task force and shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and Lieutenant Governor of Hawai'i, Governor's Coordinator on Homelessness, Director of Public Safety, Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Executive Director of the Mayor's Office of Housing, Chief of Police of the Honolulu Police Department, and Chair of the Board of Directors and President of the Hawai'i Children's Discovery Center.

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO CONDUCT A FOLLOW-UP STUDY TO ITS 2015 STUDY OF DEPARTMENTAL ENGINEERING SECTIONS THAT MANAGE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS.

WHEREAS, Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, required the Auditor to conduct a study that reviewed the process, efficiencies, and accountability of various departmental engineering sections that manage general fund capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, enacted section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which requires the Comptroller to conduct annual training for the engineering personnel of all executive departments and agencies that manage their own capital improvement projects to ensure compliance with state adopted standards and procedures of best practices in the management and construction of capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, also requires each executive department and agency to provide orientation training for certain employees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, and Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to address concerns regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of ongoing capital improvement projects that have historically been burdened with unexpected costs, chronic delays, or unspecified deadlines; and

WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's efforts, there continues to be a number of issues and concerns regarding the design, implementation, and execution of state capital improvement projects; and WHEREAS, the Auditor has recommended that state departments use timelines that include a comprehensive list of all of the applicable project's required activities; follow the State Procurement Office's guidelines for tracking payments and deliverables by using a contract administration worksheet that includes milestones of deliverables; and identify and involve stakeholders throughout a project's execution and closing, including providing information about project costs, schedules and performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a follow-up study to its 2015 Study of Departmental Engineering Sections That Manage Capital Improvement Projects (Report No. 15-13);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to include an examination of the various departmental engineering offices to ascertain whether the Auditor's recommendations have been implemented in the study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.

SENATE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE HAWAII COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO PRIORITIZE INVESTMENT IN PUBLIC FACILITIES WITHIN TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT ZONES AND THE KALAELOA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT IN ANY OF ITS STATEWIDE PLANNING FUNCTIONS OR INVOLVEMENT THEREIN.

WHEREAS, transit-oriented development is a powerful tool that can deliver a wide range of social, environmental, and economic benefits throughout a transit-oriented development zone, within a certain radius of a transit station; and

WHEREAS, transit-oriented development promotes development patterns that support quality of life, preserve the natural environment, provide a range of housing choices for residents, and encourage a healthy lifestyle; and

WHEREAS, the construction and installation of certain public facilities are necessary to facilitate the renewal and redevelopment of areas proximate to proposed transit stations; and

WHEREAS, the State plays an important role in overcoming barriers to transit-oriented development by encouraging necessary investments in regional public facilities, such as roads, sewers, and storm water management systems; and

WHEREAS, the lack of coordination and financing of infrastructure improvements, including public facilities, in planned growth areas, including transit-oriented development zones, is a major impediment to realizing the potential of transit-oriented development in meeting housing demands and creating vibrant and sustainable mixed-use communities; and

WHEREAS, the Kalaeloa community development district has critical infrastructure needs, such as aging infrastructure, vacant and deteriorating buildings, landscape overgrowth, vandalism, dumping, copper theft, and homelessness issues; and

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WHEREAS, the State must take a more proactive role in investing in critical infrastructure necessary to overcome barriers to transit-oriented development and to development of the Kalaeloa community development district; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Hawaii Community Development Authority is encouraged to prioritize investment in public facilities within transit-oriented development zones and the Kalaeloa community development district in any of its statewide planning functions or involvement therein; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Hawaii Community Development Authority.

HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, required the Auditor to conduct a study that reviewed the process, efficiencies, and accountability of various departmental engineering sections that manage general fund capital improvement projects; and

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WHEREAS, section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, also requires each executive department and agency to provide orientation training for certain employees; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature enacted Act 177, Session Laws of Hawaii 2015, and Act 241, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, to address concerns regarding the efficiency and effectiveness of ongoing capital improvement projects that have historically been burdened with unexpected costs, chronic delays, or unspecified deadlines; and

WHEREAS, despite the Legislature's efforts, there continues to be a number of issues and concerns regarding the design, implementation, and execution of state capital improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, the Auditor has recommended that state departments use timelines that include a comprehensive list of all of the

applicable project's required activities; follow the State Procurement Office's guidelines for tracking payments and deliverables by using a contract administration worksheet that includes milestones of deliverables; and identify and involve stakeholders throughout a project's execution and closing, including providing information about project costs, schedules and performance; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the Auditor is requested to conduct a follow-up study to its 2015 Study of Departmental Engineering Sections That Manage Capital Improvement Projects (Report No. 15-13);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to include the following in the study:

(1) An examination of the various departmental engineering offices to ascertain whether the Auditor's recommendations have been implemented; and

(2) A review of the implementation and effectiveness of the annual training conducted by the Comptroller in accordance with section 103-12, Hawaii Revised Statutes, to determine the effectiveness of the training and any improvements in the execution of capital improvement projects statewide that may have been created by the training; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020: and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor and the Comptroller.

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