THE SENATE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE, 2008 STATE OF HAWAII

S.C.R. NO. 151

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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYOR AND THE HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL TO ASSESS PROPERTY WITHIN THE CHINATOWN SPECIAL DISTRICT BASED ON THE SPECIAL DISTRICT HEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.

WHEREAS, the real property tax on the island of Oahu is 1 administered by the City and County of Honolulu; and 2 3 WHEREAS, the amount of the real property tax is based on a 4 tax rate set by the City and County of Honolulu multiplied by 5 the assessed value of the real property; and 6 7 8 WHEREAS, within areas designated as special districts, height restrictions are not always consistent with regulated 9 zoning height restrictions generally; and 10 11 WHEREAS, building owners within the Chinatown special 12 district are not allowed to build at heights greater than the 13 limits imposed for buildings within a special district; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Chinatown building owners in the special district 16 are assessed property taxes under the regulated zone 17 classification BMX-4, but do not enjoy the more lenient height 18 restrictions allowed under that classification; now, therefore, 19 20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth 21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the 22 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of 23 Honolulu is requested to consider assessing properties within 24 the Chinatown special district based on the special district 25 height restrictions in effect for the area; and 26 27

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 1 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the 2 Chairperson of the Council of the City and County of Honolulu. 3 4 5 6

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