



RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE CITY ADMINISTRATION PREPARE A STUDY INVESTIGATING THE FEASIBILITY OF RELOCATING CITY HALL FROM HONOLULU TO KAPOLEI.

WHEREAS, the City's General Plan calls for the development of a secondary urban center in Ewa with its nucleus in Kapolei; and

WHEREAS, although the Ewa region's housing stock and resident population has increased substantially over the past twenty years, job growth has not increased commensurately; and

WHEREAS, one of the reasons that job growth in Ewa has lagged population growth is because employers have been reluctant to relocate to the region, and the City could demonstrate leadership and spur job growth in Ewa by relocating more City services to Ewa; and

WHEREAS, the City owns several vacant or underutilized parcels of land in the Kapolei area, including tax map key parcels 9-1-148:009 and 9-1-16:186 which are adjacent to Kapolei Hale;

WHEREAS, Honolulu Hale has served as Oahu's central administrative government building since its official opening on December 17, 1929; and

WHEREAS, Honolulu Hale was the first building to be owned by the county government and also one of the first modern buildings on Oahu to be designed exclusively by local architects and constructed under local supervision; and

WHEREAS, the Royal Hawaiian Band was founded in 1836 by King Kamehameha III with a mission to preserve the Hawaiian musical culture, inspire young musicians, and ultimately enrich the lives of the people of Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, despite its long history, the Royal Hawaiian Band does not have permanent facilities of its own to host practice sessions or performances; and

WHEREAS, providing a permanent home for the Royal Hawaiian Band in Honolulu Hale would be an appropriate way to recognize the historic significance of the Royal Hawaiian Band and Honolulu Hale; and



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WHEREAS relocating City Hall to Kapolei could fulfill multiple objectives including expanding employment opportunities in Kapolei, making Honolulu Hale available for alternate purposes, and providing a permanent home for the Royal Hawaiian Band; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that the idea of relocating City Hall to Kapolei deserves serious consideration and study; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that this body requests that the Administration prepare a study assessing the feasibility of relocating City Hall from Honolulu to Kapolei; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the feasibility study provide order-of-magnitude costs for construction of a new building, relocation expenses, direct and indirect job effects, and alternate uses of Honolulu Hale, including converting Honolulu Hale to a performing arts museum and permanent home for the Royal Hawaiian Band; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor and the Managing Director.

INTRODUCED BY:

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 13 2014
Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers