

RESOLUTION NO. 76 17

**A RESOLUTION URGING THE HAWAI‘I STATE LEGISLATURE TO PASS LEGISLATION TO REVITALIZE THE CITY OF HILO AND EAST HAWAI‘I.**

**WHEREAS**, there are eight bills currently being discussed in the Hawai‘i State Legislature that will provide much needed stimulus and revitalization to Hilo and East Hawai‘i; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 274 and its companion House Bill 575 authorizes the Board of Land and Natural Resources to extend commercial, hotel, resort, and industrial leases when the lessees make qualifying substantial improvement to the leased land; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1184 and its companion House Bill 1310 establishes the Waiākea Peninsula Redevelopment District, Planning Committee, and Revolving Fund; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1185 and its companion House Bill 1469 establishes procedures for designating public land redevelopment districts, planning committees, district redevelopment plans, and designated redevelopment district revolving funds, establishes powers and duties of planning committees, modifies public land lease restrictions and appropriates funds; and

**WHEREAS**, Senate Bill 1292 and its companion House Bill 1479 establishes the Hilo Community Economic District located in East Hawai‘i and places it under the jurisdiction of the Hawai‘i Community Development Authority, establishes the Hilo Community Economic Revolving Fund and sets its funding requirements; and

**WHEREAS**, under current laws and procedures, there has been little incentive for the lessees of State-owned properties to make major investments in improvements to the infrastructure and facilities on these public lands, resulting in the deterioration and stagnation of business; and

**WHEREAS**, State-owned properties in East Hawai‘i, and in Hilo in particular, present an opportunity for the revitalization and redevelopment of the area’s economy; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai‘i County Council strongly supports all bills introduced in the current session of the Legislature and supports any legislation that will bring much needed revitalization and stimulus to the Banyan Drive and Kanoelehua Industrial Area; and

**WHEREAS**, the Hawai‘i County Council is in support of allowing Hawai‘i County to provide input and be involved in discussions regarding planning for the future of State-owned properties in Hilo and East Hawai‘i to facilitate the revitalization and stimulation of our economy; now, therefore,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF HAWAI'I** that the Hawai'i State Legislature is urged to pass legislation to revitalize the City of Hilo and East Hawai'i.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that these bills are of the highest importance to the people of East Hawai'i, and to the economic growth of our Island.

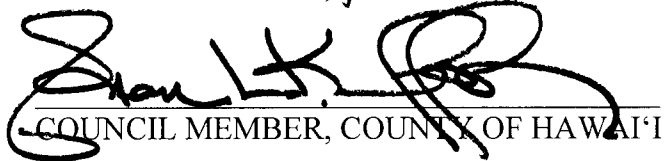
**BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED** that the County Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution to the Honorable Governor David Y. Ige; all Hawai'i State Senators and Representatives; Suzanne D. Case, Chairperson, Department of Land and Natural Resources; Luis P. Salaveria, Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism; Jobie M. K. Masagatani, Director of Department of Hawaiian Home Lands; Ford Fuchigami, Director, Department of Transportation; Jesse K. Souki, Executive Director, Hawai'i Community Development Authority; the Honorable Mayor Harry Kim; Michael Yee, Director, Hawai'i County Planning Department; Brian De Lima, Chair, Banyan Drive Hawai'i Redevelopment Agency; Albert Alapaki Nahale-a, Director, Kamehameha Schools-Hawai'i Island; Jacqui Hoover, Executive Director, Hawai'i Island Economic Development Board; David De Luz Jr., President, Kanoelehua Industrial Area Association; Mike Kaleikini, President, Hawai'i Island Chamber of Commerce; and Russell M. Arikawa, President, Japanese Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Hawai'i.

Dated at     Kona    , Hawai'i, this   22nd   day of     February    , 2017 .

INTRODUCED BY:



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COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I



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COUNCIL MEMBER, COUNTY OF HAWAI'I

COUNTY COUNCIL  
County of Hawai'i  
Hilo, Hawai'i

I hereby certify that the foregoing RESOLUTION was by the vote indicated to the right hereof adopted by the COUNCIL of the County of Hawai'i on     February 22, 2017    .

ATTEST:



COUNTY CLERK



CHAIRPERSON & PRESIDING OFFICER

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYES	NOES	ABS	EX
CHUNG	X			
DAVID			X	
EOFF	X			
KANUHA	X			
LEE LOY	X			
O'HARA	X			
POINDEXTER	X			
RICHARDS	X			
RUGGLES		X		
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Reference:     C-105/Waived GREDC    

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