



RESOLUTION

ESTABLISHING A PERMITTED INTERACTION GROUP TO CONSIDER MATTERS RELATING TO REAL PROPERTY TAXATION.

WHEREAS, Chapter 8 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 ("ROH") provides for taxation of real property within the City and County of Honolulu ("City"); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 22-45, Determining the Real Property Tax Rates for the City and County of Honolulu for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, adopted on June 1, 2022, and the reported sharp increase in real property assessments, particularly for properties in the residential property classification, real property taxes for tax year 2023 increased significantly for many owners of real property in the City; and

WHEREAS, a number of bills addressing real property taxation have been introduced for consideration by the City Council ("Council") and are currently pending before the Council's Budget Committee, including Bill 4 (2022), CD1; Bill 31 (2022); Bill 37 (2022); Bill 38 (2022); Bill 40 (2022); and Bill 60 (2022); and

WHEREAS, Section 92-2.5 of the Hawaii Revised Statutes ("HRS") permits the Council to assign two or more, but fewer than five, Councilmembers to investigate matters relating to the business of the Council, without the interactions of the Councilmembers in the course of the investigation being considered a "meeting," under HRS Chapter 92, Part I; provided that:

1. The scope of the investigation and the scope of each member's authority are defined at a meeting of the Council;
2. All resulting findings and recommendations are presented to the Council at a meeting of the Council; and
3. Deliberation and decision-making on the matter investigated, if any, occur only at a duly noticed meeting of the Council held subsequent to the meeting at which the findings and recommendations of the investigation were presented to the Council; and

WHEREAS, the Council desires to establish a permitted interaction group to conduct a concentrated and in-depth investigation into the City's system of real property taxation, including discussion of proposed bills to amend ROH Chapter 8; now, therefore,



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BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that a Real Property Taxation Permitted Interaction Group, composed of Councilmembers Radiant Cordero, Tommy Waters, Esther Kia'aina, and Matthew Weyer, is hereby established and authorized to investigate matters relating to the City's real property taxation, including but not limited to discussion of bills relating to real property taxation pending before the Council's Budget Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that no member of the permitted interaction group may, during the investigation, make any binding commitment or create any obligation on behalf of the group, the Council, or the City; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the permitted interaction group shall present a written report to the Council of its findings and recommendations at a Council meeting pursuant to HRS § 92-2.5(b)(1)(C), that the Council will not be able to act upon the report until a subsequent Council meeting, and that upon the permitted interaction group's submission of the report to the Council, the group shall be dissolved.

INTRODUCED BY:

Radiant Cordero

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 20 2023

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers