
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AND THE DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORTATION TO WORK COLLABORATIVELY TO PURSUE, ON A
PRIORITY BASIS, THE RELOCATION OF THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII
MARINE CENTER FROM THE FORMER KAPALAMA MILITARY
RESERVATION, HONOLULU HARBOR.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation (DOT) has
2 jurisdiction over Honolulu Harbor as provided under Chapter 266,
3 Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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5 WHEREAS, the mission of DOT is to provide a safe,
6 efficient, accessible, and inter-modal transportation system
7 that ensures and preserves economic prosperity and quality of
8 life; and
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10 WHEREAS, nearly 80 percent of all goods used in our state
11 is imported, and of this amount, 98.6 per cent is brought
12 through the commercial harbor system; and
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14 WHEREAS, Honolulu Harbor represents the primary port for
15 the movement of cargo and the operation of passenger cruise
16 vessels into and out of the state; and
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18 WHEREAS, the inter-island system of cargo distribution that
19 is based from Honolulu Harbor is the principal means by which
20 Neighbor Island communities receive and export their cargo and
21 Honolulu Harbor is the hub from which goods are consolidated and
22 distributed to the Neighbor Islands; and
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24 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that maritime lands are a
25 valuable, especially critical, and finite resource of the State;
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28 WHEREAS, DOT's Oahu Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan
29 projects that Honolulu Harbor will reach maximum capacity to



1 handle domestic cargo by the year 2011 unless additional cargo
2 processing terminals are developed and placed into use; and
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4 WHEREAS, DOT's Oahu Commercial Harbors 2020 Master Plan
5 further identified the former Kapalama Military Reservation
6 property as its primary area for redevelopment of expansion
7 lands for maritime use; and
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9 WHEREAS, the former Kapalama Military Reservation was
10 purchased by the State from the federal government with the
11 express purpose of redeveloping the property to expand cargo
12 handling operations in Honolulu Harbor; and
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14 WHEREAS, both DOT and the Hawaii Harbors Users Group
15 (HHUG), a nonprofit maritime transportation industry
16 organization, have identified the redevelopment of the former
17 Kapalama Military Reservation as the number one long-term
18 priority for Honolulu Harbor; and
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20 WHEREAS, the first key step toward redevelopment of the
21 former Kapalama Military Reservation is to relocate the
22 University of Hawaii Marine Center (Marine Center), which
23 currently holds at gratis, a long-term lease of approximately 17
24 acres along the harbor frontage from the Department of Land and
25 Natural Resources (DLNR); and
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27 WHEREAS, the area held by the Marine Center is crucial for
28 pier development to berth cargo ships that will support the new
29 cargo terminal; and
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31 WHEREAS, DOT has offered the Marine Center a relocation
32 area within Honolulu Harbor; and
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34 WHEREAS, DLNR is cognizant of the initial legislative
35 intent behind the purchase of the former Kapalama Military
36 Reservation and is being kept apprised by DOT of its efforts to
37 acquire the Marine Center parcel from the University of Hawaii
38 (UH) for the purpose of accommodating the development and
39 expansion of the Honolulu Harbor; and
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41 WHEREAS, the Marine Center is aware of the long-standing
42 goal of relocating it for the purpose of expansion of maritime
43 operations but has expressed concerns that the expansion not



1 impede its ability to continue important research programs that
2 require berthing and land-based facilities; and
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4 WHEREAS, DOT is aware of the importance of the Marine
5 Center, its significance to the scientific community, and the
6 impact it has on marine research and education, both for UH and
7 the worldwide scientific community, and recognizes the
8 invaluable service the Marine Center provides to various
9 stakeholders, as well as the general public; and
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11 WHEREAS, the relocation of the Marine Center must be
12 accomplished on a priority basis to avoid a crisis situation for
13 cargo handling capacity by the year 2011; and
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15 WHEREAS, prior to the relocation of the Marine Center, DOT
16 and UH need to work collaboratively to find a suitable location
17 that would be beneficial for all parties involved; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
22 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that UH and DOT are requested to
23 collaborate, on a priority basis, to effectuate the relocation
24 of UH Marine Center; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Harbors Users Group
27 is requested to include representatives of UH's School of Ocean
28 and Earth Science and Technology, as well as the UH Marine
29 Center, in its harbor planning process regarding the development
30 of harbor lands; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that prior to the relocation of the
33 University of Hawaii Marine Center, DOT and UH find a suitable
34 location offering comparable dock space, storage and staging
35 areas, services, size, and proximity to UH, which is beneficial
36 to all parties involved and ensure that funding is available for
37 its relocation; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH and DOT are requested to
40 report to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the
41 convening of the Regular Session of 2007 on their progress to
42 relocate the Marine Center; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
3 Director of Transportation, the Chair of the Board of Land and
4 Natural Resources, the President and the Chairperson of the
5 Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii, and the President
6 of the Hawaii Harbors Users Group.

