
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO REVIEW AND REPORT ON THE
LONG-TERM DEVELOPMENT OF OBSERVATORY SITES ON THE SUMMIT OF
MAUNA KEA.

1 WHEREAS, Mauna Kea is considered one of the world's premier
2 sites for astronomical research; and
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4 WHEREAS, the successful continuation of astronomical
5 science in Hawaii will require the development of new
6 technologies and new facilities; and
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8 WHEREAS, a balance must be struck between support for
9 science and respect for cultural and environmental needs,
10 especially in Hawaii where the two intersect; and
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12 WHEREAS, limits must be placed on the future development of
13 Mauna Kea as a location for observatory sites to balance
14 cultural and environmental concerns; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
17 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
18 of 2006, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii is
19 requested to prepare a report on the long-term development of
20 observatory sites on the summit of Mauna Kea, including a
21 conceptual plan that consolidates the number of observatory
22 sites, in order to enhance the quality of astronomy research and
23 limit the size of the geographical area on which to site new
24 observatories; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is
27 requested to submit its report to the Legislature not later than
28 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
29 2007; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and the



1 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the University of Hawaii
2 and the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.
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