
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII INSTITUTE FOR ASTRONOMY 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
19 (UH) Institute for Astronomy is requested to prepare a report on
20 the long-term development of observatory sites on the summit of
21 Mauna Kea, including a conceptual plan that consolidates the
22 number of observatory sites, to enhance the quality of astronomy
23 research and limit the size of the geographical area on which to
24 situate new observatories; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the UH Institute for Astronomy
27 is requested to submit its report to the Legislature no later
28 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
29 2007; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President and
3 Chairperson of the Board of Regents of UH, Director of the
4 Institute for Astronomy, and Chairperson of the Board of Land
5 and Natural Resources.

