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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII TO COLLABORATE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION 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 has jurisdiction  
2 over Honolulu Harbor as provided under chapter 266, Hawaii  
3 Revised Statutes; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the mission of the Department of Transportation is  
6 to provide a safe, efficient, accessible, and inter-modal  
7 transportation system that ensures and preserves economic  
8 prosperity and the quality of life; and  
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10 WHEREAS, nearly eighty per cent of all goods used in our  
11 State 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, the Department of Transportation's Oahu Commercial  
29 Harbors 2020 Master Plan projects that Honolulu Harbor will  
30 reach maximum capacity to handle domestic cargo by the year 2011  
31 unless additional cargo processing terminals are developed and  
32 placed into use; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Oahu Commercial Harbors 2020 master plan  
3 further identified the former Kapalama Military Reservation  
4 property as its primary area for redevelopment of expansion  
5 lands for maritime use; and

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7 WHEREAS, the former Kapalama Military Reservation was  
8 purchased by the State from the federal government with the  
9 express purpose of redeveloping the property to expand cargo  
10 handling operations in Honolulu Harbor; and

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12 WHEREAS, both the Department of Transportation and the  
13 Hawaii Harbors Users Group, a nonprofit maritime transportation  
14 industry organization, have identified the redevelopment of the  
15 former Kapalama Military Reservation as the number one long-term  
16 priority for Honolulu Harbor; and

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18 WHEREAS, the first key step toward redevelopment of the  
19 former Kapalama Military Reservation is to relocate the  
20 University of Hawaii Marine Center, which currently holds at  
21 gratis, a long term lease of approximately seventeen acres along  
22 the harbor frontage from the Department of Land and Natural  
23 Resources; and

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25 WHEREAS, the area held by the University of Hawaii Marine  
26 Center is crucial for pier development to berth cargo ships that  
27 will support the new cargo terminal; and

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29 WHEREAS, the Department of Transportation has offered the  
30 University of Hawaii Marine Center a relocation area within  
31 Honolulu Harbor; and

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33 WHEREAS, the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
34 cognizant of the initial legislative intent behind the purchase  
35 of the former Kapalama Military Reservation and is being kept  
36 apprised by the Department of Transportation of its efforts to  
37 acquire the University of Hawaii Marine Center parcel from the  
38 Department of Land and Natural Resources for the purpose of  
39 accommodating the development and expansion of the Honolulu  
40 Harbor; and

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42 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Marine Center is aware of  
43 the long-standing goal of relocating it for the purpose of  
44 expansion of maritime operations but has expressed concerns that



1 the expansion not impede the ability for it to continue its  
2 important research programs that require berthing and land based  
3 facilities; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the relocation of the University of Hawaii Marine  
6 Center must be accomplished on a priority basis in order to  
7 avoid a crisis situation for cargo handling capacity by the year  
8 2011; now, therefore,  
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
11 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
12 of 2006, that the University of Hawaii is requested to  
13 collaborate with the Department of Transportation on a priority  
14 basis to effectuate the relocation of the University of Hawaii  
15 Marine Center; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii and  
18 the Department of Transportation are requested to report to the  
19 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
20 the Regular Session of 2007 on the progress toward the  
21 relocation of the University of Hawaii Marine Center; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of  
25 Transportation, the Chair of the Board of Land and Natural  
26 Resources, and the President and the Chairperson of the Board of  
27 Regents of the University of Hawaii.  
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