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## HOUSE 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, that the University of Hawaii is requested to prepare a  
19 report on the long-term development of observatory sites on the  
20 summit of Mauna Kea, including a conceptual plan that  
21 consolidates the number of observatory sites, in order to  
22 enhance the quality of astronomy research and limit the size of  
23 the geographical area on which to site new observatories; and

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25           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii is  
26 requested to submit its report to the Legislature not later than  
27 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
28 2007; and

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30           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Resolution be transmitted to the President and the Chairperson



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

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