
HOUSE 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, that the University of Hawaii Institute for Astronomy
19 is 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, to enhance the quality of astronomy research and limit
23 the size of the geographical area on which to situate new
24 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 not later
28 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
29 of 2007; and



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

