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S.C.R. NO. 155

SENATE CONCURRENT 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



1 unless additional cargo processing terminals are developed and
2 placed into use; and

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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