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SENATE 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



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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 Senate of the Twenty-third
 11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
 12 that the University of Hawaii is requested to collaborate with
 13 the Department of Transportation on a priority basis to
 14 effectuate the relocation of the University of Hawaii Marine
 15 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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