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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND CONGRESS TO  
DISCONTINUE FURTHER ESCALATION OF THE WAR IN IRAQ AND TO  
IMMEDIATELY COMMENCE THE ORDERLY WITHDRAWAL OF AMERICAN  
MILITARY FORCES FROM IRAQ.

1 WHEREAS, in March 2003, the United States (U.S.) initiated  
2 a military incursion into Iraq; and  
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4 WHEREAS, in March 2003, the American public was told that  
5 the primary reason for the incursion was to eliminate weapons of  
6 mass destruction, and it has since been documented that none  
7 were stockpiled in Iraq at the time U.S. military forces entered  
8 the country; and  
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10 WHEREAS, it is now apparent that the U.S. Department of  
11 Defense did not develop an exit strategy prior to the invasion,  
12 incorrectly assuming that the Iraqi people would welcome U.S.  
13 forces with open arms and that withdrawal would occur without  
14 difficulty; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the continuing onslaught of sectarian violence and  
17 indications of ethnic cleansing in some areas of Iraq have  
18 proven disruptive to all aspects of Iraqi society; and  
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20 WHEREAS, more than 3,000 American military personnel and  
21 tens of thousands of Iraqi civilians and military personnel have  
22 died since March 2003; and  
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24 WHEREAS, thousands of Hawaii National Guard troops have  
25 served in Iraq since March 2003, with more slated for deployment  
26 in the coming months if the policies of the Bush Administration  
27 maintain its current direction; and



1 WHEREAS, the cost of this war to date, according to the  
2 Congressional Research Service, is at least \$379,000,000,000,  
3 with even higher military expenditures, promising severe  
4 economic impacts on households and institutions throughout the  
5 state and nation; and

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7 WHEREAS, on January 10, 2007, President Bush announced his  
8 intention to escalate the war by sending an additional 21,500  
9 troops in an effort to salvage the failed occupation and has  
10 already begun to implement this escalation; and

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12 WHEREAS, a national poll conducted on the day following the  
13 President's announcement indicated that 70 percent of the  
14 American people are opposed to further escalation of the  
15 situation in Iraq; and

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17 WHEREAS, all indications point to rapidly declining support  
18 for the war in Iraq among the people of Hawaii; and

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20 WHEREAS, the members of the Hawaii State Legislature have  
21 the greatest respect for troops deployed to Iraq and elsewhere,  
22 and criticisms of the nation's policies are not intended to be  
23 construed as a lack of support for the men and women in the  
24 armed forces who risk their lives each day; and

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26 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature wishes to join more  
27 than 20 state legislatures in the U.S. that have already passed  
28 resolutions expressing opposition to the continuation of the war  
29 in Iraq; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
32 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
33 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the President of  
34 the U.S. and Congress are urged to discontinue further  
35 escalation of the war in Iraq and to immediately commence the  
36 orderly withdrawal of American military forces from Iraq; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Bush Administration and  
39 Congress are strongly urged to fully fund all veterans' benefits  
40 to appropriately care for the men and women of the armed  
41 services as they return from the war; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
3 United States, Secretary of Defense, and each member of Hawaii's  
4 Congressional delegation.  
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