
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON LABOR TO CONVENE A JOINT HEARING ON THE LABOR FORCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND OTHER POSSIBLE IMPACTS ON THE VIBRANT AND GROWING NORTH SHORE OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company, based upon a Unilateral
2 Agreement approved in 1986, is now proceeding with plans to
3 expand the Turtle Bay Resort from five hundred to four thousand
4 hotel and condominium units; and

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6 WHEREAS, such an expansion would require additions to the
7 workforce in order to fill new positions; and

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9 WHEREAS, the statewide number of employees in accommodation
10 and food services was 96,400 in January 2007; and

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12 WHEREAS, the proposed resort expansion of the Turtle Bay
13 Resort would require an increase of approximately three to four
14 per cent to the statewide workforce of accommodation and food
15 service employees; and

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17 WHEREAS, the local unemployment rates in the Hauula/Kaaawa
18 regions have been traditionally higher than the statewide
19 unemployment rates; and

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21 WHEREAS, the number of potential new jobs may have to be
22 filled by residents from other areas of the state in addition to
23 residents of the North Shore; and

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25 WHEREAS, there exists a substantial shortage of affordable
26 housing units throughout Oahu and more particularly on the north
27 shore of Oahu; and

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29 WHEREAS, the addition of new employees seeking residences
30 in the vicinity of the resort would impact housing situation on
31 the north shore; and
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1 WHEREAS, new employees who do not live near the resort and
2 would need to commute would add to the increasing traffic
3 problems experienced statewide; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Senate
8 Committee on Judiciary and Labor and the House of
9 Representatives Committee on Labor are requested to convene a
10 joint hearing to consider the likely impacts on the labor force
11 by the proposed Turtle Bay Resort expansion; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
15 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
16 Representatives, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
17 and Labor and the House of Representatives Committee on Labor,
18 the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Chair of
19 the Honolulu City Council.
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