
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE STATE OF
HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE IRAQ STUDY GROUP FINDINGS AND TO
IMPLEMENT THE IRAQ STUDY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS.

1 WHEREAS, both the House of Representatives and the Senate
2 of the State of Hawaii support the men and women deployed to
3 Iraq and honor the memory of those who have lost their lives
4 during the war; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan coalition
7 created to study the situation in Iraq, ultimately concluded
8 that:
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10 (1) More than \$400 billion has been spent on the war in
11 Iraq, not including the ensuing "tail costs" expected
12 for care of veterans and replacement of equipment;
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14 (2) Despite the massive effort on military and political
15 levels, stability in Iraq remains elusive and the
16 situation is deteriorating;
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18 (3) The Iraqi government now depends on the United States
19 and the Iraqi people are unconvinced that they must
20 take responsibility for their own future; and
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22 (4) The international community, including Iraq's neighbor
23 countries, have not been persuaded to take on an
24 active role in supporting the rebuilding and
25 stabilization efforts in Iraq; and
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27 WHEREAS, most significantly, the Iraq study group analysis
28 established that the justification for the United States
29 invasion of Iraq were not true; Iraq had no weapons of mass
30 destruction, and Saddam Hussein was not involved in the
31 September 11 terrorist attacks.
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33 WHEREAS, the material and nonmaterial costs and sacrifices
34 of deploying Hawaii National Guard members to Iraq have been



1 significant, as evidenced by lost lives, combat injuries,
2 psychic traumas, disruption of family lives, financial hardships
3 for individuals, families, and businesses, interruptions of
4 careers, and damages to the fabric of life in many Hawaii
5 communities; and
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7 WHEREAS, more than three thousand United States military
8 service members have been killed in the war in Iraq, fourteen of
9 whom were from Hawaii, and countless others have been maimed and
10 wounded; in addition, several hundred thousand Iraqis have been
11 killed; and
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13 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans would like to see
14 withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq, but there is, to
15 date, no exit strategy; now, therefore,
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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2007, that Hawaii's congressional delegation, the
20 Governor, and all elected officials in the State of Hawaii are
21 urged to support the implementation of the Iraq Study Group's
22 recommendations, including:
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- 24 (1) The President and the United States Congress are
25 requested not to make an open-ended commitment to keep
26 large numbers of American troops deployed in Iraq;
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- 28 (2) The President and the United States Congress are
29 requested to change the nation's military priorities
30 in Iraq from active combat to missions involving
31 volunteer service training, equipping, advice, and
32 support;
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- 34 (3) The President and the United States Congress are
35 requested to seek to complete all missions in Iraq by
36 the end of the first quarter of 2008; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and the United
39 States Congress are requested to redirect the financial
40 resources used to prosecute the war on Iraq to address urgent
41 needs of the most vulnerable populations in the United States,
42 including education and health care, and particularly
43 appropriate healthcare and support; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,
 3 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the
 4 United States House of Representatives, the members of Hawaii's
 5 congressional delegation, and the Governor.
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