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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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URGING THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN AFFAIRS TO CONTINUE TO CONVENE A  
TEMPORARY COMMISSION ON BIOPROSPECTING.

1 WHEREAS, the Twenty-third Legislature in 2006 adopted House  
2 Concurrent Resolution No. 193, House Draft 1, requesting the  
3 Governor to establish a temporary advisory commission on  
4 bioprospecting, to be placed within the Office of Hawaiian  
5 Affairs for administrative purposes only, to make  
6 recommendations for policy development in the areas of:

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- 8 (1) Prior informed consent;
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  - 10 (2) Equitable benefit-sharing;
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  - 12 (3) Bio-safety protocols;
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  - 14 (4) A permitting and licensing process; and
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  - 16 (5) Cultural rights for the use of Hawaii's biodiversity;
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19 WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 193, House Draft  
20 1, requested that the commission prepare a report of its  
21 recommendations for submission to the Legislature and the  
22 Governor not later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
23 the Regular Session of 2007; and  
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25 WHEREAS, on January 3, 2007, the Office of the Governor  
26 finalized and notified the Office of Hawaiian Affairs of the  
27 gubernatorial appointments to the commission; and  
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29 WHEREAS, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs has started the  
30 process of convening the commission, but additional time will be  
31 needed for the commission to start up and to complete its work



1 in addressing House Concurrent Resolution No. 193, House Draft  
2 1; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Hawaiian  
7 Affairs is urged to continue to convene the Temporary Commission  
8 on Bioprospecting initially requested through House Concurrent  
9 Resolution No. 193, House Draft 1 (2006); and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the commission is requested to  
12 prepare a report of its recommendations to the Legislature and  
13 the Governor not later than twenty days prior to the convening  
14 of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
18 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of  
19 Representatives, and the Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of  
20 the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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23 OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

**By Request**

