
HOUSE CONCURRENT 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 \$400,000,000,000 has been spent on the war
11 in Iraq, not including the ensuing "tail costs"
12 expected for care of veterans and replacement of
13 equipment;

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15 (2) Despite the massive effort on military and political
16 levels, stability in Iraq remains elusive and the
17 situation is deteriorating;

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19 (3) The Iraqi government now depends on the United States
20 and the Iraqi people are unconvinced that they must
21 take responsibility for their own future; and

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23 (4) The international community, including Iraq's neighbor
24 countries, have not been persuaded to take on an
25 active role in supporting the rebuilding and
26 stabilization efforts in Iraq; and

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28 WHEREAS, most significantly, the Iraq Study Group analysis
29 established that the justifications for the United States
30 invasion of Iraq were not true, Iraq had no weapons of mass



1 destruction, and Saddam Hussein was not involved in the
2 September 11 terrorist attacks.

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4 WHEREAS, the material and nonmaterial costs and sacrifices
5 of deploying Hawaii National Guard members to Iraq have been
6 significant, as evidenced by lost lives, combat injuries,
7 psychic traumas, disruption of family lives, financial hardships
8 for individuals, families, and businesses, interruptions of
9 careers, and damages to the fabric of life in many Hawaii
10 communities; and

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12 WHEREAS, more than three thousand United States military
13 service members have been killed in the war in Iraq, fourteen of
14 whom were from Hawaii, and countless others have been maimed and
15 wounded; in addition, several hundred thousand Iraqis have been
16 killed; and

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18 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans would like to see
19 withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq, but there is, to
20 date, no exit strategy; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's
25 congressional delegation, the Governor, and all elected
26 officials in the State of Hawaii are urged to support the
27 implementation of the Iraq Study Group's recommendations,
28 including:

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30 (1) The President and the United States Congress are
31 requested not to make an open-ended commitment to keep
32 large numbers of American troops deployed to Iraq;

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34 (2) The President and the United States Congress are
35 requested to change the nation's military priorities
36 in Iraq from active combat to missions involving
37 volunteer service training, equipping, advice, and
38 support;

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40 (3) The President and the United States Congress are
41 requested to seek to complete all missions in Iraq by
42 the end of the first quarter of 2009; and

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