
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING ENTITIES IN THE CRUISE INDUSTRY THAT OPERATE CRUISES VISITING THE STATE TO FULLY PARTICIPATE IN GOOD FAITH WITH THE ONGOING STUDY ENTITLED THE *HAWAII CRUISE INDUSTRY STUDY*, INTENDED TO ASSESS THE CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY ON EACH ISLAND AND THE STATE UNTIL THE YEAR 2018.

1 WHEREAS, the State has funded a study, tentatively entitled
2 the *Hawaii Cruise Industry Study*, to assess the current and
3 potential impacts of the cruise industry on each island and the
4 State until the year 2018; and

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6 WHEREAS, ICF International and Menlo Consulting Group, Inc.
7 are currently in the process of conducting this study, which
8 will be used by policymakers to assess the need, if any, to make
9 decisions in response to the cruise industry's impacts; and

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11 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Department of
12 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, in collaboration
13 with the Departments of Land and Natural Resources and
14 Transportation, represent the State in the ongoing study; and

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16 WHEREAS, the study is planned to consist of nine modules as
17 follows:

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19 (1) Assessment of cruise industry;
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21 (2) Assessment of Hawaii's cruise industry;
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23 (3) Impact on the economy;
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25 (4) Impact on infrastructure and government services;
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27 (5) Impact on the environment;
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1 (6) Impact on historical sites;

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3 (7) Cost benefit analysis;

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5 (8) Comparison with on-shore accommodations; and

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7 (9) Best management practices; and

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9 WHEREAS, at present, only module 1 has been completed; and

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11 WHEREAS, even though subsequent modules specifically aimed
12 at exploring the various types of impacts of the cruise industry
13 have not yet been completed, module 1 already touches on various
14 economic, environmental, and community impacts that the cruise
15 industry has on the State and ways to address, monitor, and
16 manage cruise-related impacts and issues; and

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18 WHEREAS, there have been credible reports that the cruise
19 industry has not fully participated or has not participated in
20 good faith with the conduct of the study; and

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22 WHEREAS, this lack of cooperation and participation from
23 the cruise industry, which is the main subject of the study,
24 will critically obstruct the successful completion of this study
25 and limit the usefulness of any findings and conclusions that
26 may be reached in the study; now, therefore,

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28 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
29 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
30 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that entities in the
31 cruise industry that operate cruises visiting the State are
32 strongly urged to fully participate in good faith with the
33 ongoing study entitled the *Hawaii Cruise Industry Study*,
34 intended to assess the current and potential impacts of the
35 cruise industry on each island and the State until the year
36 2018; and

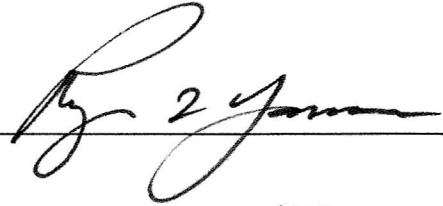
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
40 Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority who, in turn, is requested
41 to transmit copies to the various cruise line companies that
42 operate cruises visiting Hawaii; the Director of Business,
43 Economic Development, and Tourism; the Director of
44 Transportation; the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural



1 Resources; and ICF International and Menlo Consulting Group,
2 Inc.

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