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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON CONSTRUCTION.

1           WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the main  
2 drivers of the local economy, providing employment and job  
3 opportunities for nearly forty thousand workers throughout the  
4 State; and

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6           WHEREAS, the construction industry is the main reason that  
7 tax revenues to the State and counties have exceeded revenue  
8 forecasts; and

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10           WHEREAS, the construction industry has a direct impact on  
11 consumer spending and has been indirectly responsible for the  
12 increase in sales of major consumer goods and other related  
13 services with revenues of nearly \$7,500,000,000 annually; and

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15           WHEREAS, in turn, public works projects contribute  
16 significantly to the health of the construction industry and  
17 also directly impact the local economy; and

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19           WHEREAS, there is a threat of a recession on the horizon,  
20 and this threat requires that government play a proactive role  
21 in mitigating the force of the recession; now, therefore,

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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2008, that the State Department of Business, Economic  
26 Development and Tourism is requested to study the feasibility of  
27 establishing a construction advisory body composed of  
28 economists, construction industry experts, public procurement  
29 officers, construction union officials, and the Director of  
30 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to monitor the local  
31 economy and to assist the Governor and the executive branch in  
32 initiating capital improvement projects during economic  
33 downturns in order to stabilize the local construction industry  
34 and the overall state economy; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of  
2 Business, Economic Development and Tourism is requested to  
3 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
4 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before  
5 the Regular Session of 2009; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the University of  
9 Hawaii, the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of the  
10 University of Hawaii, the Governor, and the Director of  
11 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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