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## 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 \$400,000,000,000 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  
31 destruction, and Saddam Hussein was not involved in the  
32 September 11 terrorist attacks.  
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1 WHEREAS, the material and nonmaterial costs and sacrifices  
2 of deploying Hawaii National Guard members to Iraq have been  
3 significant, as evidenced by lost lives, combat injuries,  
4 psychic traumas, disruption of family lives, financial hardships  
5 for individuals, families, and businesses, interruptions of  
6 careers, and damages to the fabric of life in many Hawaii  
7 communities; and

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

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

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

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26 (1) The President and the United States Congress are  
27 requested not to make an open-ended commitment to keep  
28 large numbers of American troops deployed to Iraq;  
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30 (2) The President and the United States Congress are  
31 requested to change the nation's military priorities  
32 in Iraq from active combat to missions involving  
33 volunteer service training, equipping, advice, and  
34 support;  
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36 (3) The President and the United States Congress are  
37 requested to seek to complete all missions in Iraq by  
38 the end of the first quarter of 2009; and  
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and the United  
41 States Congress are requested to redirect the financial  
42 resources used to prosecute the war on Iraq to address urgent  
43 needs of the most vulnerable sectors in the United States,



1 including those of education and health care, in particular,  
2 appropriate health care and support; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the United States,  
6 the President of the United States Senate, the Speaker of the  
7 United States House of Representatives, the members of Hawaii's  
8 congressional delegation, and the Governor.

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