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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

DISAPPROVING THE SALARY INCREASES RECOMMENDED BY THE SALARY
COMMISSION FOR THE TRUSTEES OF THE OFFICE OF HAWAIIAN
AFFAIRS.

1 WHEREAS, the salaries for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
2 Trustees are designated by law under section 10-9, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes; and

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5 WHEREAS, Trustees' salaries are reviewed every four years
6 by the Salary Commission, and the Salary Commission makes
7 recommendations for adjustments based on their review, pursuant
8 to section 10-9.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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10 WHEREAS, the recommended salaries become effective on the
11 date of approval (, 2008) unless disapproved by
12 concurrent resolution of the Legislature; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Salary Commission determined that the
15 Trustees' salaries have not been adjusted since 2004 and should
16 be adjusted to accommodate cost-of-living increases for every
17 year starting from 2004; and

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19 WHEREAS, to determine the proper cost-of-living increases,
20 the Salary Commission used data from the Social Security
21 Administration; and

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23 WHEREAS, although the Legislature acknowledges the key role
24 that the Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs play in the
25 lives of Hawaiians and native Hawaiians, providing benefits in
26 education and the economy and preserving and protecting the
27 Hawaiian culture for all Hawaii residents, these recommended
28 salary increases come only four years after the last increase
29 and at a time when the State's limited resources are already
30 spread thin to accommodate matters of only the highest priority;
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1 WHEREAS, these recommended increases do not represent a
2 commitment of one-time appropriations but a permanent increase
3 to the Office of Hawaiian Affairs's base budget; and
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5 WHEREAS, accordingly, this Legislature refuses to commit
6 future legislatures to the liability resulting from these salary
7 increases without knowing their full impact on future financial
8 plans; and
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10 WHEREAS, the Legislature, therefore, does not believe it to
11 be in the overall public interest to allow the recommendations
12 of the 2008 Salary Commission to become effective; now,
13 therefore,
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the recommended
18 salaries submitted by the Salary Commission are disapproved; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the Twenty-
21 fourth Legislature hereby express their deep thanks and
22 appreciation to the members of the salary Commission for their
23 hard work on this difficult matter; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
27 Chairperson of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
28 Affairs, and the Chairperson of the Salary Commission for
29 Members of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian
30 Affairs.
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OFFERED BY:

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