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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO INVESTIGATE THE  
FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A MARKET IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY  
FOR RIFLERY, ARCHERY, AND HUNTING ACTIVITIES.

1           WHEREAS, the potential for a niche market in the State's  
2 tourism industry for riflery, archery, and hunting exists  
3 because of the significant interest from Asian visitors, many  
4 who come from countries that prohibit these activities; and  
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6           WHEREAS, in Florida, nearly six million adult residents  
7 enjoy some form of wildlife associated recreation, bringing in  
8 more than \$11,000,000 in revenue to the state; and  
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10          WHEREAS, the State's public and private riflery ranges,  
11 galleries, and private landowners that support and allow  
12 seasonal game hunting see the potential of developing and  
13 marketing the sport to visitors; and  
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15          WHEREAS, feral boar and other feral animals are hunted to  
16 reduce populations capable of destroying native species,  
17 agricultural produce, and private property, an activity that can  
18 be promoted to hunting enthusiasts; and  
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20          WHEREAS, hunting outfitters and hunting guide services have  
21 the ability to grow and expand, increasing the impact of  
22 riflery, archery, and hunting on the State's economy; and  
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24          WHEREAS, an increase in the number of people paying  
25 licensing and user fees, permits, and other related charges and  
26 expenses would provide additional revenue to the State, grow a  
27 niche tourism industry, and promote the growth of businesses  
28 providing services to the sport; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
3 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,  
4 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a  
5 working group to research and report on the viability of  
6 attracting tourists to Hawaii to participate in riflery,  
7 archery, and hunting activities; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
10 investigate and study the feasibility of creating a market in  
11 the tourism industry for riflery, archery, and hunting  
12 activities by:

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- 14 (1) Identifying challenges, barriers, and opportunities to  
15 promote riflery, archery, and hunting as a niche  
16 market in the tourism industry;
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  - 18 (2) Reviewing existing laws and rules pertaining to  
19 riflery, archery, and hunting; and
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  - 21 (3) Recommending any changes to existing laws and rules to  
22 promote riflery, archery, and hunting as a niche  
23 market in the tourism industry; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,  
26 Economic Development, and Tourism, is requested to select  
27 fifteen members for the working group, to include  
28 representatives from the Department, the Division of Forestry  
29 and Wildlife, Division of Aquatic Resources, and hunter  
30 education program of the Department of Land and Natural  
31 Resources, state and county law enforcement agencies, industries  
32 related to riflery, archery, and hunting, community  
33 organizations, sports enthusiasts and suppliers, and  
34 organizations providing related transportation and equipment;  
35 and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
38 Economic Development, and Tourism and the Department of Land and  
39 Natural Resources are requested to provide any necessary  
40 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to  
41 the working group; and

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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
44 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to present the



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1 findings and recommendations of the working group, including any  
 2 proposed legislation, to the Legislature twenty days prior to  
 3 the convening of the 2010 Regular Session; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Chairperson of  
 8 the Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Administrators  
 9 of the Division of Forestry and Wildlife, Division of Aquatic  
 10 Resources, and hunter education program of the Department of  
 11 Land and Natural Resources.  
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