
HOUSE 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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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
31 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
32 of 2009, that the Department of Business, Economic Development,
33 and Tourism is requested to convene a working group to research



1 and report on the viability of attracting tourists to Hawaii to
2 participate in riflery, archery, and hunting activities; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to
5 investigate and study the feasibility of creating a market in
6 the tourism industry for riflery, archery, and hunting
7 activities by:
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- 9 (1) Identifying challenges, barriers, and opportunities to
10 promote riflery, archery, and hunting as a niche
11 market in the tourism industry;
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13 (2) Reviewing existing laws and rules pertaining to
14 riflery, archery, and hunting; and
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16 (3) Recommending any changes to existing laws and rules to
17 promote riflery, archery, and hunting as a niche
18 market in the tourism industry; and
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
21 Economic Development, and Tourism, is requested to select
22 fifteen members for the working group, to include
23 representatives from the Department, the Division of Forestry
24 and Wildlife, Division of Aquatic Resources, and hunter
25 education program of the Department of Land and Natural
26 Resources, state and county law enforcement agencies, industries
27 related to riflery, archery, and hunting, community
28 organizations, sports enthusiasts and suppliers, and
29 organizations providing related transportation and equipment;
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
33 Economic Development, and Tourism and the Department of Land and
34 Natural Resources are requested to provide any necessary
35 administrative, professional, technical, and clerical support to
36 the working group; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
39 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to present the
40 findings and recommendations of the working group, including any
41 proposed legislation, to the Legislature twenty days prior to
42 the convening of the 2010 Regular Session; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic
 3 Development, and Tourism, the Chairperson of the Board of Land
 4 and Natural Resources, and the Administrators of the Division of
 5 Forestry and Wildlife, Division of Aquatic Resources, and hunter
 6 education program of the Department of Land and Natural
 7 Resources.
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