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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A JOINT AGENCY STUDY ON THE IMPACT OF ILLEGAL  
IMMIGRATION IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, since 2007, there has been an increased awareness  
2 and urgency among business and government to address the issue  
3 of illegal or undocumented workers in the country and in the  
4 State, many of which work in the construction industry; and  
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6           WHEREAS, it is estimated that, nationally, one million four  
7 hundred thousand undocumented workers are employed in the  
8 construction industry; and  
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10           WHEREAS, in a study conducted in 2005, it was estimated  
11 that there were between twenty thousand and thirty-five thousand  
12 undocumented immigrants in Hawaii, a population that has likely  
13 increased since the 2005 study; and  
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15           WHEREAS, between December 2007 and December 2008, an  
16 estimated one hundred sixty-eight illegal undocumented workers  
17 were arrested in Hawaii, of which sixty-one per cent were  
18 working in the local construction industry, despite the fact  
19 that thirty per cent of all unionized carpenters are unemployed  
20 statewide; and  
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22           WHEREAS, a 2006 estimate projected that the State spends  
23 over \$9,000,000 each year in costs related to illegal or  
24 undocumented aliens in Hawaii, including the costs for  
25 education, emergency medical care, and incarceration; now,  
26 therefore,  
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28           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
29 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
30 of 2009, that the following agencies are requested to prepare  
31 and conduct a joint study to assess the impact of illegal  
32 immigration on Hawaii's economy and public resources:  
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- 1 (1) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
2 including the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health  
3 Division and the Disability Compensation Division;  
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5 (2) Department of Taxation;  
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7 (3) Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and  
8 Consumer Affairs;  
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10 (4) Department of Health;  
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12 (5) Department of Education;  
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14 (6) Corrections Division of the Department of Public  
15 Safety;  
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17 (7) Hawaii Public Housing Authority;  
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19 (8) Department of Human Services; and  
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21 (9) Department of Agriculture; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that the Department of Labor  
24 and Industrial Relations shall be the lead agency of the joint  
25 study and, in consultation with all members of the joint study,  
26 is requested to submit a report of the findings and  
27 recommendations of the joint study, including any proposed  
28 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
29 the Regular Session of 2010; and  
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following agencies are  
32 requested to form a taskforce to take immediate investigation  
33 and enforcement actions to prevent the practice of hiring  
34 undocumented workers, recover funds owed to the State by  
35 companies that are found to hire undocumented workers, and  
36 prevent companies found to employ undocumented workers from  
37 doing business in the State:  
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- 39 (1) Department of Labor and Industrial Relations,  
40 including the Hawaii Occupational Safety and Health  
41 Division and the Disability Compensation Division ;  
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43 (2) Department of Taxation;  
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- 1           (3) Department of Agriculture
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- 3           (4) Insurance Division of the Department of Commerce and
- 4           Consumer Affairs; and
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- 6           (5) All appropriate licensing boards of the Department of
- 7           Commerce and Consumer Affairs; and
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9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Labor and  
10 Industrial Relations shall be the lead agency of the task force  
11 and, in consultation with all members of the task force, is  
12 requested to submit a report of the findings and recommendations  
13 of the task force, including any proposed legislation, to the  
14 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
15 the Regular Session of 2010; and

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17           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Labor and  
19 Industrial Relations, Director of Taxation, Director of Commerce  
20 and Consumer Affairs, Director of Health, Superintendent of  
21 Education, Director of Public Safety, Director of Commerce and  
22 Consumer Affairs, the Executive Director of the Hawaii Public  
23 Housing Authority, the Director of Human Services, and the  
24 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture.

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