
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO EDUCATE THE PUBLIC ON THE NEED FOR AN
ACCURATE CENSUS COUNT FOR PURPOSES OF AN ACCURATE
CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION.

1 WHEREAS, under federal law, the President of the United
2 States is required to transmit a statement in January 2011 to
3 the one hundred and twelfth United States Congress on the
4 population of each state, as ascertained under the 2010
5 decennial census, and the number of representatives to which
6 each state is entitled, provided that no state receives less
7 than one member, under an apportionment of the then existing
8 number of representatives, which is currently 435, by the method
9 of equal proportions, under which the possibility exists that a
10 state can lose or gain seats depending upon the relative
11 population of the state in the total population of the union;
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14 WHEREAS, federal law also requires the Clerk of the United
15 States House of Representatives to send to the governor of each
16 state a certificate of the number of representatives to which
17 the state is entitled, as shown in the President's statement to
18 Congress; and
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20 WHEREAS, in March 2010, the United States Census Bureau
21 will mail or deliver to every household in the United States
22 census questionnaires for the 2010 decennial census, requesting
23 information that is accurate for each household as of April 1,
24 2010; and
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26 WHEREAS, the 2010 decennial census will be a "short-form
27 only" census and will count all residents living in the United
28 States as well as ask for name, sex, age, date of birth, race,
29 ethnicity, relationship and housing tenure, and is intended to
30 require only minutes to complete; and
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32 WHEREAS, the United States Census Bureau will mail a second
33 form to households that do not respond to the initial



1 questionnaire, and for households that still do not respond, the
2 households will be called or visited by a census worker; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Census Bureau must count everyone and submit
5 state population totals to the President by December 31, 2010,
6 for the President to be able to transmit the required statement
7 in January 2011 to Congress; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii currently has two members in the House of
10 Representatives, and with the next census count, there is a
11 possibility that Hawaii would be entitled to have three members,
12 two members, or one member in the House of Representatives,
13 depending upon the relative population of the State in the total
14 population of the union; and
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16 WHEREAS, a state's *resident* population consists of those
17 persons "usually resident" in that state (where they live and
18 sleep most of the time), and a state's *apportionment* population
19 is the sum of its *resident* population plus the count of overseas
20 United States military and federal civilian employees (and their
21 dependents living with them) allocated to the state, as reported
22 by the employing federal agencies; and
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24 WHEREAS, it is therefore of paramount importance that each
25 resident in this State participate truthfully in the 2010
26 decennial census; now, 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 Governor is requested to educate the public on
31 the need for an accurate census count for purposes of an
32 accurate congressional representation and to urge every
33 household to participate in the census; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.
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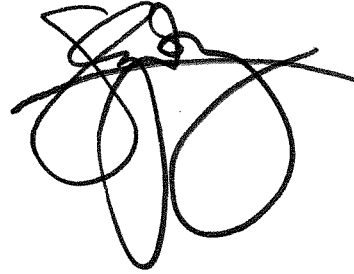
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