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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE TAX REVIEW COMMISSION APPOINTED BEFORE JULY 1, 2005, MEET TO SUBMIT AN UPDATED REPORT IN LIGHT OF THE CURRENT ECONOMIC DOWNTURN FACING THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, section 232E-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS),  
2 enacted pursuant to the 1978 amendment to the Hawaii State  
3 Constitution, established the Tax Review Commission; and  
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5           WHEREAS, section 232E-2, HRS, directs the Tax Review  
6 Commission to convene every five years, commencing in 1980; and  
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8           WHEREAS, section 232E-3, HRS, directs the Tax Review  
9 Commission to "conduct a systematic review of the State's tax  
10 structure, using such standards as equity and efficiency," and  
11 to "submit to the legislature an evaluation of the State's tax  
12 structure and recommend revenue and tax policy"; and  
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14           WHEREAS, the Tax Review Commission last convened in 2005  
15 and presented its Report of the 2005-2007 Tax Review Commission  
16 (Report) to the Twenty-Fourth Legislature during the 2007  
17 Regular Session; and  
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19           WHEREAS, since the Tax Review Commission's last report to  
20 the Legislature, Hawaii has entered a period of severe economic  
21 downturn; and  
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23           WHEREAS, in light of current economic conditions, the Tax  
24 Review Commission should revisit the evaluations and  
25 recommendations contained in its Report; now, therefore,  
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27           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
28 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
29 of 2009, that the Tax Review Commission is requested to meet  
30 immediately on an emergency basis to discuss updating its Report  
31 in light of current economic conditions; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Tax Review Commission is  
3 requested to produce an amended report to the Legislature no  
4 later than thirty days prior to the convening of the Regular  
5 Session of 2010; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Taxation.

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OFFERED BY: *Aella C. Belatti*

JAN 26 2009

