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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE PRESIDENT AND THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO DETERMINE THE ECONOMIC VALUE OF CONSTRUCTION IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, tourism is Hawaii's principal industry, and
2 visitor expenditures added over \$12 billion into the State's
3 economy in 2007 and over \$11 billion in 2008; and
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5 WHEREAS, the construction industry is also important to
6 Hawaii's economy, contributing approximately \$3,400,000,000 to
7 the State's economy and employing over six per cent of the
8 State's workforce in 2008; and
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10 WHEREAS, the current economic situation has resulted in a
11 6.1 per cent unemployment rate in Hawaii as of January 2009, the
12 highest in over twenty five years; furthermore, the Department
13 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism estimates visitor
14 arrivals to decline by 5.9 per cent for 2009, and the Chair of
15 the Hawaii Council on Revenues anticipates a 3.2 per cent
16 decline in construction in 2009; and
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18 WHEREAS, the decline of the housing and credit markets, and
19 the related construction downturn, and high unemployment are
20 significantly affecting Hawaii's economy; and
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22 WHEREAS, state support to study the current and potential
23 economic benefits of the construction industry is warranted,
24 given that the tourism and construction industries are such
25 important drivers of the local economy, and is further warranted
26 as the combined robustness of the construction, housing, and
27 tourism industries can ultimately navigate the State's economy
28 through the current recession to recovery; now, therefore,
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the
32 House of Representatives concurring, that the Senate President



1 and Speaker of the House of Representatives are requested to
2 establish a task force to determine the economic contributions
3 of the construction industry in Hawaii; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consist of the
6 following seventeen members, each having one vote:
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- 8 (1) One member shall be a reputable contractor or
9 subcontractor to represent the construction industry,
10 appointed by the Senate President;
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- 12 (2) One member shall be a representative of labor unions,
13 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
14 Representatives;
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- 16 (3) One member shall be a representative of the banking or
17 finance industry, appointed by the Senate President;
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- 19 (4) One member shall be a tax law professional, appointed
20 by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 22 (5) Eight members shall be landowner representatives, with
23 one member representing each island of Hawaii, Maui,
24 Molokai, Kahoolawe, appointed by the Senate President,
25 and Oahu, Kauai, Lanai, and Niihau, appointed by the
26 Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 28 (6) One member shall be a hotel or development industry
29 representative who has expertise in hospitality or
30 timeshares, appointed by the Senate President; and
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- 32 (7) Four members shall be representatives of federal,
33 state, and county governments who have expertise in
34 tax policy, two appointed by the Senate President and
35 two by the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
39 shall select a chairperson from among themselves, and the
40 chairperson is requested to convene task force meetings; and
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to:
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- 1 (1) Determine the economic value of the construction
- 2 industry in Hawaii, including both the direct economic
- 3 contributions of the industry to the local economy and
- 4 the industry's indirect economic benefits through
- 5 other industries, such as tourism and housing; and
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- 7 (2) Propose and evaluate potential state actions, such as
- 8 tax credits for the renovation or construction of
- 9 hotels and other tourism-related facilities, including
- 10 the anticipated economic impact of those actions on
- 11 the State's economy; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to

14 submit a report of its findings, analyses, and recommendations,

15 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature not later

16 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session

17 of 2010; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this

20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Senate President and

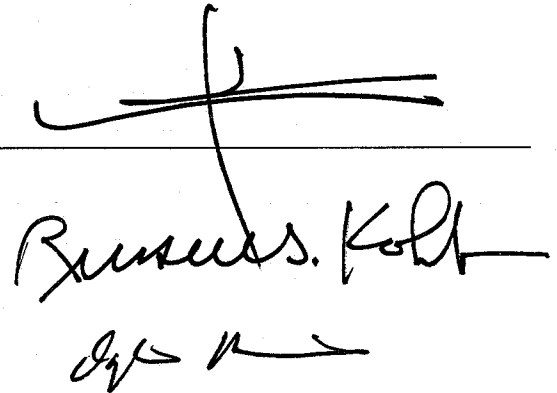
21 the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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