
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE BUREAU TO EVALUATE THE
STATE'S INVENTORY OF LANDS TO IDENTIFY PARCELS THAT CAN BE
SOLD IN 2011.

1 WHEREAS, due in large part to the effects of the global
2 credit and financial crisis, Hawaii, as well as the rest of the
3 nation, is in the midst of one of the most challenging economic
4 times it has ever faced: some of the leading economic
5 indicators have forecast numbers not seen since the Great
6 Depression of the 1930s; and

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8 WHEREAS, the domino effect caused by this situation has
9 resulted in greater unemployment, increased home foreclosures,
10 massive layoffs, and a decrease in the purchasing power of the
11 individual American, who now has less disposable income; and

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13 WHEREAS, the global recession has drastically reduced
14 government revenues across the United States, and many states,
15 including Hawaii, have increased taxes and reduced funding for
16 government programs and services to balance their budgets; and

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18 WHEREAS, a number of states have also implemented, or
19 intend to implement, layoffs and furloughs of government
20 employees, and some states are even considering government-wide
21 shutdowns to help ease the economic strain; and

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23 WHEREAS, in Hawaii, the depth and breadth of the "Great
24 Recession" continue to erode the fragile status of a state
25 budget already experiencing a major deficit; and

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27 WHEREAS, numerous economic factors, including downturns in
28 Hawaii's two major industries, tourism and construction, have
29 had a tremendous impact on the state budget and have greatly
30 contributed to the large deficit the State now faces; and



1 WHEREAS, although Hawaii's economy had been performing very
2 well over recent years, with the lowest unemployment in the
3 nation and many years of budget surpluses, the recent meltdown
4 of the global economy that began in the latter portion of 2008
5 has severely reduced revenue projections and collections; and
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7 WHEREAS, since the crisis began, Hawaii's residents have
8 lost jobs, investments, and homes; there has been a decrease in
9 the number of visitor arrivals; and consumer spending has
10 declined; and
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12 WHEREAS, as a result, the 2009 Legislature faced a historic
13 revenue shortfall, with the latest forecast adding \$40 million
14 to the state budget deficit, which the Council on Revenues now
15 projects will be \$1.1 billion through June 2011; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Legislature recognizes that difficult choices
18 must continue to be made to address this budget shortfall, and
19 that if circumstances remain unchanged, the current budget
20 shortfall of over \$1.1 billion will require a minimum of
21 reductions in spending of at least \$550 million per year over
22 the next two years; and
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24 WHEREAS, while some solutions to solve the current fiscal
25 crisis have been or are currently being implemented, additional
26 revenue sources are still sorely needed to continue the daily
27 operations of the State, including essential services to
28 residents and visitors alike, so it is critical that the gaping
29 shortfall in State revenues be addressed as soon as reasonably
30 possible; and
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32 WHEREAS, the State holds title to many parcels of land that
33 are not essential to the provision of public health, safety, and
34 welfare services by the State or counties, and these lands may
35 be sold to close or reduce the looming deficit; now, therefore,
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37 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
38 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
39 of 2010, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference
40 Bureau (LRB) is requested to evaluate the State's inventory of
41 lands to identify parcels that can be sold in 2011; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that ceded lands and lands that are
 2 essential to the provision of public health, safety, and welfare
 3 services by the State or counties, be excluded from the parcels
 4 that could be sold; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that LRB is requested to submit a
 7 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
 8 proposed legislation, to the Legislature 20 days prior to the
 9 convening of the 2011 Regular Session; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,
 13 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, Mayor of
 14 each county, and Director of the Legislative Reference Bureau.

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OFFERED BY: _____

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