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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY OF STATE LAND ASSETS AND NATURAL RESOURCES  
AND A DETERMINATION OF THEIR UTILIZATION AND POTENTIAL FOR  
REVENUE GENERATION.

1           WHEREAS, House Concurrent Resolution No. 76, H.D. 1,  
2 S.D. 1, 2009, established a Task Force on Reinventing Government  
3 (Task Force) to examine the existing operations and  
4 organizations of Hawaii's state government and recommend ways to  
5 make Hawaii's government more efficient; and

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7           WHEREAS, the Task Force was formed in October 2009 and  
8 gathered together a varied group of government leaders, state  
9 agency and department heads, community leaders, nonprofit  
10 organization leaders, and business executives from around the  
11 State; and

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13           WHEREAS, in light of the financial strain that Hawaii faces  
14 due to the world economic downturn and resulting decline in tax  
15 revenue, the group was tasked with examining opportunities to  
16 reevaluate and restructure state government operations and  
17 organizations to do more with fewer resources in order to  
18 weather current economic crises and prepare for future  
19 challenges; and

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21           WHEREAS, at its final meeting on January 4, 2010, the Task  
22 Force adopted a number of recommendations, including  
23 recommendations to improve government efficiency in relation to  
24 land and natural resources; and

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26           WHEREAS, in its report issued January 2010, the Task Force  
27 found that Hawaii's "green and blue" infrastructure - our land,  
28 water, natural, and cultural resources - provide the backbone of  
29 our economic base; for example, ocean recreation and tourism  
30 provide an estimated \$1,000,000,000 per year in business and  
31 tourism is based in large part on our natural beauty and public



1 lands; and commercial fisheries create over \$300,000,000 per  
2 year in business; and

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4 WHEREAS, in addition, our drinking water is completely  
5 reliant upon healthy and open watersheds, and many of Hawaii's  
6 residents also rely on these resources for sustenance and  
7 constitutionally protected cultural practices; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Task Force found that government factors the  
10 actual costs of maintaining "hard" infrastructure into operating  
11 and capital improvement budgets for highways, harbors, and  
12 schools, and developments that impact roads and schools are  
13 provided formulas for measuring those impacts and are required  
14 to factor the mitigation of those impacts into the cost of  
15 development; and

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17 WHEREAS, the real cost of maintaining Hawaii's natural  
18 resources, however, is not factored into governmental operating  
19 or capital budgets or fully considered when reviewing new  
20 development, and as a result, Hawaii, while still beautiful, has  
21 undergone a slow, steady, and unrelenting degrading of our green  
22 and blue infrastructure; and

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24 WHEREAS, among its recommendations, the Task Force  
25 addressed ways to improve management efficiency in maintaining,  
26 managing, and sustaining Hawaii's green and blue infrastructure  
27 without increasing the burden upon taxpayers; now, therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth  
30 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the  
31 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Land  
32 and Natural Resources is requested to study state land assets  
33 and natural resources and determine their utilization and  
34 potential for revenue generation; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study include, but not be  
37 limited to:

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39 (1) An identification and inventory of state land assets  
40 and other natural resources;  
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42 (2) Projections of the real cost of maintaining these  
43 state assets and natural resources;  
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1 (3) Recommendations regarding allocations of operating and  
2 capital funds to care for these resources to sustain  
3 them and our way of life, including:

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5 (A) Utilizing government assets to support government  
6 land and natural resources; and  
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8 (B) Requiring private development or businesses that  
9 obtain financial benefit from utilizing public  
10 natural or cultural resources to dedicate  
11 financial or other support for a portion of the  
12 maintenance costs required to sustain those  
13 resources; e.g., requiring a portion of revenue  
14 from renewable energy leases or sales of water to  
15 be dedicated to sustaining the renewable resource  
16 through contributing membership of a watershed  
17 partnership, in-kind contributions, or dedication  
18 of a percentage of revenue; and  
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20 (4) Additional information, as appropriate; and  
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
23 Natural Resources is requested to consult with government  
24 leaders, state and county agency and department heads, community  
25 leaders, nonprofit organization leaders, and business  
26 executives, as appropriate; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
29 Natural Resources is requested to report on the study and any  
30 recommendations, including recommendations for legislation, no  
31 later than twenty days prior to the Regular Session of 2011; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
34 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chair of the Board  
35 of Land and Natural Resources and the Director of Finance.  
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