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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON THE FEASIBILITY OF IMPLEMENTING A  
POWERBALL STATE LOTTERY.

1           WHEREAS, Powerball is an American lottery game sold in  
2 lotteries in member states across the country as a shared  
3 jackpot pool game; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Powerball is coordinated by the Multi-State  
6 Lottery Association, a non-profit organization entirely owned  
7 and operated by member lotteries and based in Des Moines, Iowa;  
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10           WHEREAS, Powerball currently is available in the District  
11 of Columbia, the United States Virgin Islands, and forty-two  
12 states: Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware,  
13 Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas,  
14 Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan,  
15 Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New  
16 Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota,  
17 Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South  
18 Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia,  
19 Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin; and  
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21           WHEREAS, Mega Millions is also a multistate lottery game  
22 played in the District of Columbia and forty-one participating  
23 states: Arkansas, Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut,  
24 Delaware, Georgia, Iowa, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas,  
25 Kentucky, Maryland, Massachusetts, Maine, Michigan, Minnesota,  
26 Missouri, Montana, North Carolina, Nebraska, North Dakota, New  
27 Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma,  
28 Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South  
29 Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Vermont, Virginia, Washington,  
30 Wisconsin, and West Virginia; and  
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32           WHEREAS, Hawaii is presently suffering from a severe  
33 economic downturn resulting in drastically declining revenues,



1 particularly in light of the Pacific tsunami disaster in Japan  
2 and its projected effects on tourism; and  
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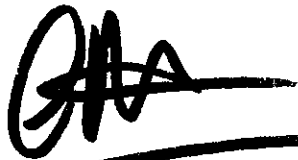
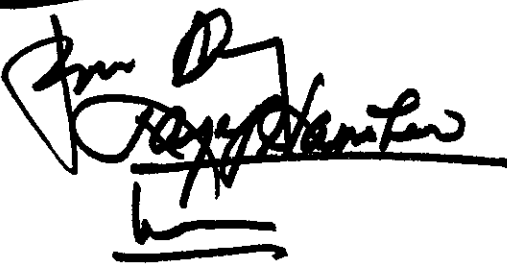
4 WHEREAS, the National Conference of State Legislatures  
5 reports that state lotteries sold \$53,700,000,000 worth of  
6 tickets in fiscal year 2006, which was equal to three percent of  
7 the total state revenue generated by all of the participating  
8 states during that year; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the State needs an alternative means to generate  
11 revenue in addition to taxes and should give due consideration  
12 to the potential use of lotteries as a source of revenue  
13 generation, as a majority of other states have done; now,  
14 therefore,  
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
17 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
18 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislative Reference  
19 Bureau is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility of  
20 implementing a Powerball, Mega Millions lottery, or both in the  
21 State; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference  
24 Bureau report findings and recommendations, including proposed  
25 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
26 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the  
30 Legislative Reference Bureau.  
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OFFERED BY:

