
HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE TO PROCURE GOODS AND SERVICES THAT ARE USED TO SUPPORT HAWAII-BASED UNITED STATES MILITARY PERSONNEL AND FACILITIES FROM HAWAII BUSINESSES AND TO COOPERATE WITH THE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF HAWAII TO HOST TRADE SHOWS THAT FEATURE LOCAL BUSINESSES.

1 WHEREAS, United States military contracting officers are
2 able to purchase goods, supplies, and services available from
3 local sources; and

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5 WHEREAS, between 2007 and 2009, the average annual
6 Department of Defense procurements in Hawaii totaled \$2.307
7 billion, and over fifty-eight per cent of those procurement
8 expenses were made from a vendor with an address in Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, among the many categories of Hawaii goods and
11 services purchased by the Department of Defense, the Department
12 of Defense spent the most in construction; professional,
13 scientific, and technical services; and administrative and
14 support services; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Defense Logistics Agency, in conjunction with
17 a local Defense Logistics Agency representative, manages a trade
18 show in Hawaii that highlights products to be stocked in
19 military stores, and the trade show has been successful in
20 placing Hawaii-sourced food and beverage products in military
21 commissaries and exchanges; and

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23 WHEREAS, the trade show has proven so popular that
24 participation must be limited, and in the past, interested
25 vendors have been turned away; and

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27 WHEREAS, conducting trade shows involving local businesses,
28 including small businesses, would provide opportunities for
29 these businesses to demonstrate their products and services to
30 military contracting officers, who could visit exhibits, discuss
31 their needs, and learn about opportunities to procure from local
32 sources; now, therefore,



