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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO TIMELY CONDUCT AND COMPLETE  
REGIONAL PLANS AND STUDIES AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE.

1           WHEREAS, the Office of Planning was established to assist  
2 the Governor and the Director of Business, Economic Development,  
3 and Tourism; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the Office of Planning's purpose is to maintain  
6 the overall framework to guide the development of the State  
7 through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and  
8 strategic planning to meet the needs of Hawaii's people, and  
9 provide for the wise use of Hawaii's resources; and  
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11           WHEREAS, pursuant to section 225M-2(b)(7), Hawaii Revised  
12 Statutes, the Office of Planning is required to conduct regional  
13 plans and studies to determine the following:  
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- 15           (1) The capability of various regions within the State to  
16 support projected increases in resident populations  
17 and visitors;  
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- 19           (2) The potential physical, social, economic, and  
20 environmental impact on these regions resulting from  
21 increases in resident populations and visitors; and  
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- 23           (3) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for the  
24 State by region, county, and island; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the Office of Planning is directed to conduct  
27 these regional plans and studies at appropriate intervals, but  
28 not less than once every five years; and  
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30           WHEREAS, these plans and studies provide critical data to  
31 develop a long-term goal for the State's future; and  
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1 WHEREAS, allegedly the Office of Planning has not completed  
2 comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the  
3 needs of the State for the past twenty years; now, therefore,  
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the  
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Office of Planning  
8 is urged to timely conduct and complete regional plans and  
9 studies as required by statute to allow future development to  
10 benefit the needs of the State; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning submit a  
13 report of its progress on regional plans and studies to the  
14 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
15 the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director  
19 of the Office of Planning, and Director of Business, Economic  
20 Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY:

  


