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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS AND HAWAII'S CONGRESSIONAL  
DELEGATION TO AVOID SEQUESTRATION AND AVERT THE DRAMATIC  
FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS SUCH CUTS WOULD HAVE FOR HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, the United States has a massive budget deficit  
2 that poses a serious crisis for the nation and is a divisive  
3 problem that both the President and Congress must address; and  
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5           WHEREAS, impending sequestration, which threatened  
6 immediate budget cuts as an attempt to drive Democrats and  
7 Republicans in Congress to compromise on a solution for the  
8 national debt, has not resulted in such compromise; and  
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10           WHEREAS, sequestration will result in critical job losses  
11 and decreases in revenue for both defense and nondefense  
12 programs in Hawaii and throughout the nation; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Hawaii is one of the largest recipients of federal  
15 defense funding and expenditures in the nation which have been  
16 estimated at more than \$8,000,000,000 annually and result in  
17 more than \$14,000,000,000 being driven into the State's economy  
18 each year; and  
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20           WHEREAS, the proposed cuts and job losses predicted for  
21 Hawaii would be a devastating blow to the economy, affecting  
22 both military personnel and their family members based in  
23 Hawaii, along with those Hawaii residents who depend on the  
24 well-paying jobs and the stable source of revenue the military  
25 and other defense contractors provide in the State; and  
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27           WHEREAS, if sequestration occurs, it is estimated that  
28 11,000 jobs would be lost in Hawaii, 19,000 Department of  
29 Defense civilian workers would be subject to furloughs, and  
30 \$2,300,000,000 in defense contracts would be jeopardized; and



1 WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has already planned for  
2 spending cuts, in addition to sequestration cuts, that would  
3 further reduce the military presence in Hawaii and affect both  
4 the State's security as well as its fiscal budget; and

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6 WHEREAS, should sequestration occur, Hawaii would  
7 experience major force realignments that would involve  
8 relocating units from Hawaii and potential base closures because  
9 the threat of activating another Base Realignment and Closure  
10 (BRAC) Commission looms as early as 2015; and

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12 WHEREAS, Hawaii's strategic military location in the  
13 Pacific, along with serving as the home of the United States  
14 Pacific Command, is an invaluable resource to the national  
15 security of the nation, and the indiscriminate cutbacks of  
16 sequestration would have serious and urgent impacts on the  
17 nation's military readiness in the Pacific; and

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19 WHEREAS, as the Asia Pacific region becomes more relevant  
20 to the nation's strategic interests, particularly in response to  
21 recent nuclear tests in North Korea, weakening the nation's  
22 military presence in the Pacific would make the United States  
23 and Hawaii more vulnerable and slower to respond to serious  
24 security issues if they should arise; and

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26 WHEREAS, cutbacks in federal funding would seriously  
27 marginalize the capabilities of the State's civil defense  
28 program by depriving the Hawaii National Guard of the resources  
29 it needs to respond to natural disasters and other emergencies  
30 that may occur statewide, which is especially concerning given  
31 Hawaii's isolated location; and

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33 WHEREAS, two of the State's delegates in the United States  
34 Congress, Senator Mazie Hirono and Representative Colleen  
35 Hanabusa, are members of their respective Armed Services  
36 Committees and are in the position to bring forth these serious  
37 issues regarding the reduction of military expenditures and the  
38 effect this will have on the State of Hawaii; now, therefore,

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40 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
41 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
42 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the United States  
43 Congress and Hawaii's Congressional delegation are urged to work  
44 to prevent sequestration in order to avoid the indiscriminate



1 reductions in defense expenditures that would directly impact  
2 Hawaii; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's Congressional  
5 delegation is also urged to initiate interventions to protect  
6 against the relocation of military units from Hawaii, avert the  
7 possibility of base closures, and minimize spending cuts that  
8 would place Hawaii's troops and their families, as well as  
9 Hawaii's residents, at risk; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Hawaii's Congressional  
12 delegation, in particular Senator Mazie Hirono and  
13 Representative Colleen Hanabusa, as they are members of their  
14 respective Armed Services Committees, is encouraged to meet with  
15 appropriate military commanders as soon as possible to discuss  
16 steps that should be taken to minimize the anticipated impacts  
17 of cuts in defense spending; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Majority Leader of  
21 the United States Senate; Speaker of the United States House of  
22 Representatives; and members of Hawaii's Congressional  
23 delegation.

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