
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE COMMISSION ON SALARIES TO SUSPEND THE AUTOMATIC SALARY INCREASE AND EXTEND THE SALARY REDUCTION FOR MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE UNTIL HAWAII'S ECONOMIC FORECAST REFLECTS GREATER GROWTH AND VITALITY.

1 WHEREAS, from 2006, Hawaii's economic boom began to
2 slowdown reflecting an increasing inflation rate and decline in
3 job growth; and
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5 WHEREAS, in 2009, the State faced a projected
6 \$1,100,000,000 budget shortfall, increasing unemployment rate
7 and projected declines in tourism and retail sales; and
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9 WHEREAS, Act 85, Session Laws of Hawaii 2009, established
10 the salary reduction for members of the Legislature beginning on
11 July 1, 2009 and ending on June 20, 2011, in response to the
12 State's economic uncertainty; and
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14 WHEREAS, by 2011, Hawaii's economic forecast remained bleak
15 with an unstable job market and increasing homeless population;
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18 WHEREAS, Act 48, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, extended the
19 salary reduction for members of the Legislature until June 30,
20 2013, in response to Hawaii's economic forecast; and
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22 WHEREAS, Hawaii's current inflation and unemployment rates
23 are expected to slightly improve despite Hawaii's growing rate
24 of poverty and homelessness; and
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26 WHEREAS, on July 1, 2013, the Commission on Salaries
27 recommendation to increase the salaries of Senators and
28 Representatives by \$12,808 per annum will become effective; and
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1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that many Hawaii residents
2 continue to face financial hardship and have difficulty
3 obtaining affordable housing and employment; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
7 Session of 2013, that the Commission on Salaries is urged to
8 suspend the automatic salary increase and extend the salary
9 reduction for members of the Legislature until Hawaii's economic
10 forecast reflects greater growth and vitality; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Commission
14 on Salaries and to the Members of the Commission on Salaries.
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