
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING AN INDEPENDENT
COUNTY ON THE ISLAND OF MOLOKAI.

1 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii comprises four major counties:
2 the Counties of Maui, Kauai, Hawaii, and the City and County of
3 Honolulu; and

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5 WHEREAS, each county represents a distinctive and unique
6 island, with its own culture, history, charm, and needs; and

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8 WHEREAS, the island of Molokai also has its own culture,
9 history, and people, that are unlike those of any of its
10 neighbor islands; and

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12 WHEREAS, Molokai has a long history of subsistence
13 agriculture, particularly the cultivation of taro and fishponds;
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16 WHEREAS, residents of Molokai have expressed a desire to
17 protect and preserve the subsistence lifestyle, while also
18 establishing a more diversified, resilient, and service-based
19 economy; and

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21 WHEREAS, it is only because of its relatively small
22 population that the island of Molokai falls under the
23 jurisdiction of the County of Maui; and

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25 WHEREAS, the location of council meetings on the island of
26 Maui makes it difficult for Molokai residents to attend and
27 participate, since travel options between the islands of Molokai
28 and Maui are limited; and



