
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO ISSUE REQUESTS FOR
PROPOSALS FOR REDEVELOPMENT OF THE HAWAII CONVENTION
CENTER.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Convention Center opened its doors to
2 the public over twenty years ago; and

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4 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Convention Center was facing up to
5 \$53 million in repairs; specifically, \$26 million to fix
6 stairwells, audio problems, breaking chairs, and chipped china
7 and another \$27 million to repair the rooftop terrace; and

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9 WHEREAS, competition in the leisure tourism industry is
10 increasing Hawaii hotel room rates to the highest levels in the
11 nation, which contributes to the Convention Center having a
12 difficult time attracting convention planners to hold their
13 meetings in Honolulu; and

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15 WHEREAS, in 2018, the Port of San Diego and the City of
16 Chula Vista approved a public-private partnership deal for
17 design and development of the Chula Vista Bayfront hotel and
18 convention center, which is anticipated to bring jobs and
19 revenue to the area; and

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21 WHEREAS, the operator of the Los Angeles Convention Center
22 is proposing a public-private partnership to expand the downtown
23 complex by as much as 350,000 square feet and add hundreds of
24 downtown hotel rooms; and

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26 WHEREAS, the City of Long Beach and the Port of Long Beach
27 entered into a public-private partnership for the Long Beach
28 Civic Center Project, which will include a new city hall, port
29 headquarters, main library, public park, and street
30 improvements; and



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1 WHEREAS, the aforementioned projects demonstrate the
 2 potential for public-private partnerships to provide better
 3 infrastructure solutions than projects that are funded wholly by
 4 public funds or wholly by private funds; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the State have a
 7 vital interest in ensuring that the Convention Center is
 8 profitable or self-sustaining while at the same time benefiting
 9 the visitors and residents of Hawaii; and
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11 WHEREAS, in order to keep the Convention Center financially
 12 solvent, consideration of a variety of proposals and financing
 13 mechanisms for potential redevelopment will allow the Hawaii
 14 Tourism Authority to utilize or take advantage of additional
 15 revenue streams or innovative design-build-finance-operate-
 16 maintain structures for the Center; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 19 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
 20 2020, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Tourism Authority
 21 is urged to issue requests for proposals for redevelopment of
 22 the Hawaii Convention Center, including but not limited to
 23 proposals for public-private partnerships for the design,
 24 building, financing, operation, and maintenance of the center;
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
 29 Board of Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, President
 30 and Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and
 31 General Manager of the Hawaii Convention Center.
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