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# HOUSE 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, that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is urged to issue  
 21 requests for proposals for redevelopment of the Hawaii  
 22 Convention Center, including but not limited to proposals for  
 23 public-private partnerships for the design, building, financing,  
 24 operation, and maintenance of the center; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 27 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
 28 Directors of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, President and Chief  
 29 Executive Officer of the Hawaii Tourism Authority, and General  
 30 Manager of the Hawaii Convention Center.  
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