
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STRONGLY URGING ALL ENTITIES INVOLVED IN THE STUDY, BOTH PUBLIC AND PRIVATE, TO WORK TOGETHER IN GOOD FAITH TO COMPLETE THE ONGOING STUDY ENTITLED THE "HAWAII CRUISE INDUSTRY STUDY," INTENDED TO ASSESS THE CURRENT AND POTENTIAL IMPACTS OF THE CRUISE INDUSTRY ON EACH ISLAND AND THE STATE UNTIL THE YEAR 2018..

1 WHEREAS, the State has funded a study, tentatively entitled
2 the "Hawaii Cruise Industry Study," to assess the current and
3 potential impacts of the cruise industry on each island and the
4 State until the year 2018; and

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6 WHEREAS, ICF International and Menlo Consulting Group,
7 Inc., are currently in the process of conducting this study,
8 which will be used by policymakers to assess the need, if any,
9 to make decisions in response to the cruise industry's impacts;
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Department of
13 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, in collaboration
14 with the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department
15 of Transportation, represent the State in the ongoing study; and

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17 WHEREAS, the study is planned to consist of nine modules as
18 follows:

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20 (1) Assessment of cruise industry;
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22 (2) Assessment of Hawaii's cruise industry;
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24 (3) Impact on the economy;
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26 (4) Impact on infrastructure and government services;
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28 (5) Impact on the environment;



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- 2 (6) Impact on historical sites;
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- 4 (7) Cost benefit analysis;
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- 6 (8) Comparison with on-shore accommodations; and
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- 8 (9) Best management practices;
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12 WHEREAS, at present, only module 1 has been completed in
13 draft form; and

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15 WHEREAS, even though subsequent modules specifically aimed
16 at exploring the various types of impacts of the cruise industry
17 have not yet been completed, module 1 already touches on various
18 economic, environmental, and community impacts that the cruise
19 industry has on the state and ways to address, monitor, and
20 manage cruise-related impacts and issues; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
24 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that all entities
25 involved in the study, both public and private, are urged to
26 work together in good faith toward the completion of the ongoing
27 study entitled the "Hawaii Cruise Industry Study," intended to
28 assess the current and potential impacts of the cruise industry
29 on each island and the State until the year 2018; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
32 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
33 Board of the Hawaii Tourism Authority who, in turn, is requested
34 to transmit copies to the various cruise line companies that
35 operate cruises visiting Hawaii; Director of Business, Economic
36 Development, and Tourism; Director of Transportation; North West
37 CruiseShip Association; Chairperson of the Board of Land and
38 Natural Resources; ICF International; and Menlo Consulting
39 Group, Inc.

