
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A STUDY ON CONSTRUCTION.

1 WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of the main
2 drivers of the local economy, providing employment and job
3 opportunities for nearly forty thousand workers throughout the
4 State; and

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6 WHEREAS, the construction industry is the main reason that
7 tax revenues to the State and counties have exceeded revenue
8 forecasts; and

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10 WHEREAS, the construction industry has a direct impact on
11 consumer spending and has been indirectly responsible for the
12 increase in sales of major consumer goods and other related
13 services with revenues of nearly \$7,500,000,000 annually; and

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15 WHEREAS, in turn, public works projects contribute
16 significantly to the health of the construction industry and
17 also directly impact the local economy; and

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19 WHEREAS, there is a threat of a recession on the horizon,
20 and this threat requires that government play a proactive role
21 in mitigating the force of the recession; now, therefore,

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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the State
26 Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism is
27 requested to study the feasibility of establishing a
28 construction advisory body composed of economists, construction
29 industry experts, public procurement officers, construction
30 union officials, and the Director of Business, Economic
31 Development and Tourism to monitor the local economy and to
32 assist the Governor and the executive branch in initiating
33 capital improvement projects during economic downturns in order



1 to stabilize the local construction industry and the overall
2 state economy; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State Department of
5 Business, Economic Development and Tourism is requested to
6 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days before
8 the Regular Session of 2009; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the
12 University of Hawaii, the Chairperson of the Board of Regents of
13 the University of Hawaii, the Governor, and the Director of
14 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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