
HOUSE 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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30 (6) Impact on historical sites;
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1 (7) Cost benefit analysis;

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3 (8) Comparison with on-shore accommodations; and

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5 (9) Best management practices;

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9 WHEREAS, at present, only module 1 has been completed in
10 draft form; and

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

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

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

