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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO STUDY  
THE EFFECTS OF SPORTS FIELD AND COURT LIGHTS ON THE  
MIGRATORY PATTERNS OF SEABIRDS IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is home to over thirty species of  
2 endangered birds, including various seabirds endemic to Hawaii  
3 such as the 'a'o or Newell's shearwater; and  
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5           WHEREAS, seabirds rely on the moon and stars for  
6 navigation, and are prone to mistake bright lights of sports  
7 fields, hotels, parking lots, and other places for the moon and  
8 stars; and  
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10           WHEREAS, in 2005, federal wildlife officials notified the  
11 county of Kauai that the lighting at evening high school  
12 football games was hurting migratory birds, in violation of the  
13 Endangered Species Act and the Migratory Bird Treaty Act; and  
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15           WHEREAS, the county of Kauai reached an agreement with  
16 prosecutors in which the county agreed to install shielded  
17 lights at Kauai's three football fields, at an expense to the  
18 county, because the county was facing possible federal  
19 prosecution; and  
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21           WHEREAS, each county is potentially at risk of incurring  
22 related expenses to comply with federal law regarding the  
23 migratory patterns of endangered birds; now, therefore,  
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25           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
26 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
27 of 2011, that the Department of Land and Natural Resources is  
28 requested to study the effects of sports field and court lights  
29 on the migratory patterns of seabirds in Hawaii; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and  
32 Natural Resources is requested to submit a report of findings  
33 and recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days  
34 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources.

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