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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WAIKIKI NATATORIUM SITE.

1 WHEREAS, this body finds that the 1921 Territorial
2 Legislature appropriated \$250,000 for the construction of the
3 Living Memorial and saltwater swimming pool to honor those from
4 Hawaii who served and died in World War I; and

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6 WHEREAS, the Waikiki Natatorium is owned by the State but
7 operated under an Executive Order by the City and County of
8 Honolulu; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Waikiki Natatorium War Memorial was opened on
11 August 24, 1927, the birthday of Duke Kahanamoku; and

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13 WHEREAS, in 1979, the Waikiki Natatorium was closed to the
14 public due to thirty years of neglect; and

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16 WHEREAS, in 1998, the City and County of Honolulu
17 appropriated \$11,500,000 for the complete restoration of the
18 Waikiki Natatorium, yet by 2001, only the locker rooms,
19 bleachers, and façade had been repaired; and

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21 WHEREAS, in 2005, the remaining funds of approximately
22 \$6,400,000 lapsed and were deposited back into the general fund;
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25 WHEREAS, despite its state of disrepair, the Waikiki
26 Natatorium remains an important site because of its geographic
27 location and history and should be considered for various uses;
28 now, therefore,

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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
31 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the Chairperson of the
2 Board of Land and Natural Resources is requested to convene a
3 task force to study and provide recommendations for the future
4 of the Waikiki Natatorium site; and

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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of
7 Land and Natural Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, serve
8 as Chair of the task force; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force members comprise
11 one representative from each of the following:

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13 (1) The Department of Health;
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15 (2) The Office of Veterans Services;
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17 (3) The University of Hawaii System; and
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19 (4) The City and County of Honolulu; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
22 consider various uses of the site, including but not limited to
23 beach sports, public events, and honoring Hawaii's veterans; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that members of the task force not
26 receive compensation for their service but be reimbursed for
27 necessary expenses, including travel expenses, incurred in the
28 performance of their duties; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
31 report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no
32 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular
33 Session of the 2013; and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on
36 June 30, 2013; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
3 Board of Land and Natural Resources, the Director of Health, the
4 Director of the Office of Veterans Services, the President of
5 the University of Hawaii System, and the Mayor of the City and
6 County of Honolulu.

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