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## SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF PLANNING TO TIMELY CONDUCT AND COMPLETE  
REGIONAL PLANS AND STUDIES AS REQUIRED BY STATUTE.

1 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning was established to assist  
2 the Governor and the Director of Business, Economic Development,  
3 and Tourism; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning's purpose is to maintain  
6 the overall framework to guide the development of the State  
7 through a continuous process of comprehensive, long-range, and  
8 strategic planning to meet the needs of Hawaii's people, and  
9 provide for the wise use of Hawaii's resources; and  
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11 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 225M-2(b)(7), Hawaii Revised  
12 Statutes, the Office of Planning is required to conduct regional  
13 plans and studies to determine the following:  
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15 (1) The capability of various regions within the State to  
16 support projected increases in resident populations  
17 and visitors;  
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19 (2) The potential physical, social, economic, and  
20 environmental impact on these regions resulting from  
21 increases in resident populations and visitors; and  
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23 (3) The maximum annual visitor carrying capacity for the  
24 State by region, county, and island; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Office of Planning is directed to conduct  
27 these regional plans and studies at appropriate intervals, but  
28 not less than once every five years; and  
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30 WHEREAS, these plans and studies provide critical data to  
31 develop a long-term goal for the State's future; and  
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33 WHEREAS, allegedly the Office of Planning has not completed  
34 comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the  
35 needs of the State for the past twenty years; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,  
3 that the Office of Planning is urged to timely conduct and  
4 complete regional plans and studies as required by statute to  
5 allow future development to benefit the needs of the State; and  
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Planning submit a  
8 report of its progress on regional plans and studies to the  
9 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
10 the Regular Session of 2013; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of the  
14 Office of Planning, and Director of Business, Economic  
15 Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY:

  


