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# SENATE 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,  
32 that the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources  
33 is requested to convene a task force to study and provide



1 recommendations for the future of the Waikiki Natatorium site;  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the Board of  
5 Land and Natural Resources, or the Chairperson's designee, serve  
6 as Chair of the task force; and

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

- 10 (1) The Department of Health;  
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12 (2) The Office of Veterans Services;  
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14 (3) The University of Hawaii System; and  
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16 (4) The City and County of Honolulu; and  
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
20 consider various uses of the site, including but not limited to  
21 beach sports, public events, and honoring Hawaii's veterans; and

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

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

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

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

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