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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTY COUNCILS TO ENACT LEGISLATION THAT ADDRESSES THE CONCERNS ASSOCIATED WITH THE CONVERSION OF HAWAII'S TRADITIONAL RESORT HOTEL ROOMS INTO CONDOMINIUMS, CONDOMINIUM HOTELS, TIMESHARES, OR INDIVIDUAL VACATION UNITS.

1 WHEREAS, tourism is the State's dominant industry  
2 comprising 22 percent of the State's gross domestic product and  
3 generating \$14,300,000,000 in visitor expenditures while  
4 generating \$1,500,000,000 in tax revenue and 150,000 direct and  
5 indirect jobs annually; and

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7 WHEREAS, in 2012, general excise tax revenue generated from  
8 visitor expenditures totaled \$570,000,000 and an additional  
9 \$232,000,000 from the transient accommodations tax; and

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11 WHEREAS, tax revenues are used to support the functions of  
12 government, including the funding of our public education  
13 system, infrastructure needs, public safety, parks, public  
14 utilities, facilities, and other general services for the good  
15 of the community; and

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17 WHEREAS, trained hotel workers in their daily interaction  
18 with visitors help to support and implement the Aloha Spirit Law  
19 enacted by the Legislature in 1986; and

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21 WHEREAS, the Legislature appropriates \$69,000,000 annually  
22 to brand, market, and continue to keep Hawaii's tourism industry  
23 successful; and

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25 WHEREAS, the ownership and financing structure of Hawaii's  
26 hotels and resorts has changed drastically and the trend to  
27 convert traditional hotels into nontraditional lodging such as  
28 condominium hotels and timeshares has resulted in an overall  
29 loss of 3,250 jobs in the accommodations sector between 2006 and  
30 2011 for a loss of \$34,000,000 each year in tax revenue; and

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