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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO TAKE CERTAIN ACTIONS TO IMPROVE JOB CREATION AND
BUSINESS CLIMATE.

1 WHEREAS, Forbes Magazine ranked Hawaii the "Worst State to
2 Make a Living In" for 2014, quantifying the financial hardships
3 of Hawaii residents; and
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5 WHEREAS, CNBC ranked Hawaii 49th in its review of
6 "America's Top States for Business in 2014", up just one notch
7 from Hawaii's 2013 last place finish; and
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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii earned an F grade in overall business
10 friendliness in the 2013 Thumbtack.com Small Business Survey, in
11 Partnership with the Kauffman Foundation, with its tax code
12 garnering the State's worst grade among several categories
13 including environmental, licensing, zoning, and others - none of
14 which earned better than a D grade; now, therefore,
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16 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-eighth
17 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2015, the
18 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
19 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and its attached
20 agencies are requested to set goals for Hawaii to improve job
21 creation and business climate; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
24 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to develop
25 strategies and an implementation plan to diversify Hawaii's
26 economy beyond its current concentration in tourism, military,
27 and construction; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
30 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to identify new
31 industries that may be targeted for relocation or investment in
32 Hawaii; and



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 2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
 3 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to identify
 4 incentives for new industries to enter Hawaii, create jobs, and
 5 reverse current trends of skilled, knowledgeable workers leaving
 6 Hawaii for employment elsewhere; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 9 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
 10 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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