
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO ASSESS HOW HAWAII'S
JOB MARKET IS AFFECTED BY AND CAN ADAPT TO AUTOMATION AND
GLOBALIZATION.

1 WHEREAS, automation and globalization threaten to eliminate
2 a significant number of jobs in Hawaii's service sector and
3 other areas; and
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's reliance on a service-based economy makes
6 it susceptible to economic disruption and job loss; and
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8 WHEREAS, automation in the transportation, retail, fast
9 food, hospitality, and other industries may displace a
10 significant number of workers; and
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12 WHEREAS, self-checkout lines are replacing retail workers
13 and autonomous vehicles will soon displace many taxi and
14 delivery drivers in the United States; and
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16 WHEREAS, globalization has resulted in the loss of routine
17 jobs such as manufacturing jobs to low-wage countries; and
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19 WHEREAS, according to research, trade with China during the
20 2000s led to the rapid loss of 2,000,000 to 2,400,000 net jobs;
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23 WHEREAS, tens or even hundreds of thousands of Hawaii jobs
24 may be replaced by automation and globalization; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2017, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,
29 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to convene a



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1 working group to assess how Hawaii's job market is affected by
2 and can adapt to automation and globalization; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
5 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to serve as
6 Chairperson of the working group and to invite the following to
7 serve as members:

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- 9 (1) The Director of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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- 11 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 12 Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology;
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- 14 (3) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
- 15 Standing Committee on Economic Development and
- 16 Business;
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- 18 (4) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
- 19 Judiciary and Labor;
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- 21 (5) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
- 22 Standing Committee on Labor and Public Employment;
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- 24 (6) The Director of Human Services;
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- 26 (7) The Executive Director of the University of Hawaii
- 27 Economic Research Organization; and
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- 29 (8) Other individuals whom the Director of Business,
- 30 Economic Development, and Tourism may invite to be
- 31 members of the working group, including members of the
- 32 business community and experts with relevant
- 33 knowledge; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
36 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
37 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
38 than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
39 2018; and

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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of



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1 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of Labor
 2 and Industrial Relations; Chairperson of the Senate Standing
 3 Committee on Economic Development, Tourism, and Technology;
 4 Chairperson of the House of Representatives Standing Committee
 5 on Economic Development and Business; Chairperson of the Senate
 6 Standing Committee on Judiciary and Labor; Chairperson of the
 7 House of Representatives Standing Committee on Labor and Public
 8 Employment; Director of Human Services; and Executive Director
 9 of the University of Hawaii Economic Research Organization.

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