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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO COMPILE A SHORT LIST OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES  
THAT ARE SUITABLE TO RELOCATE TO HAWAII AND IDENTIFY MEANS  
AND INCENTIVES TO ENTICE THESE COMPANIES TO RELOCATE.

1           WHEREAS, business activity and a strong economy are vital  
2 to the public's health, safety, and welfare; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the economy of the State is largely dependent on  
5 the tourism industry; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the effects of the coronavirus disease 2019  
8 (COVID-19) pandemic and resulting job losses in the tourism  
9 sector of the economy have demonstrated the urgent need for  
10 business diversification in the State; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that many jobs and  
13 businesses can be done from virtually anywhere with an internet  
14 connection; and  
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16           WHEREAS, business leaders must consider economic  
17 development opportunities, business climate, tax friendliness,  
18 and quality of life in determining the location for their  
19 operations; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the State consistently ranks among the top states  
22 in the country for clean air quality, happiness of its citizens,  
23 life expectancy, good weather, and overall quality of life; and  
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25           WHEREAS, given the advances in technology and the way  
26 business is conducted in the modern age, there are more reasons  
27 for a company to relocate to Hawaii than ever before; and



1 WHEREAS, the following states have used incentives to  
2 entice companies to relocate:

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- 4 (1) Florida offers discretionary grant funding so long as  
5 fifty jobs are created in a three-year period and an  
6 investment of at least \$50,000,000 is made;  
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- 8 (2) Indiana offers a credit against corporate income tax  
9 liability where the credit can be up to fifty percent  
10 of a corporation's approved costs in relocating to  
11 Indiana; provided that \$50,000,000 in new investment  
12 and seventy-five new employees are required;  
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- 14 (3) Kentucky provides income tax credits to regional and  
15 national headquarter firms that can offset up to  
16 one hundred percent of corporate income tax liability;  
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- 18 (4) Louisiana provides a rebate of up to twenty-five  
19 percent of facilities and relocation costs over  
20 five years;  
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- 22 (5) Mississippi offers incentives for national and  
23 regional relocation of headquarters between \$500 and  
24 \$2,000 per new job for a period of up to five years;  
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- 26 (6) South Carolina has a twenty percent credit against  
27 corporate income tax liability, based on the cost of  
28 the portion of the facility dedicated to headquarters  
29 operation or direct lease costs for the first  
30 five years of operation;  
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- 32 (7) Tennessee provides a refundable tax credit for  
33 relocation expenses resulting from a move where the  
34 credit can be used to offset franchise or excise tax  
35 liability in the year earned; provided that if the tax  
36 liability is less than the credit, the difference is  
37 refunded in cash;  
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- 39 (8) West Virginia offers a credit of up to ten percent of  
40 the company's qualified investment to offset corporate  
41 income and business franchise tax liability for up to  
42 thirteen years; and



1 (9) Wisconsin provides a refundable business tax credit  
2 based upon a percentage of wages paid to eligible  
3 headquarter employees and, in addition to  
4 reimbursement of up to fifty percent of training  
5 costs, the company can earn credits for up to  
6 three percent of capital investment in personal  
7 property and up to five percent of investment in real  
8 property provided that a new investment of \$1,000,000  
9 is required; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State should explore all possible incentives  
12 to lure well-paying jobs and investment to Hawaii; now,  
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the  
17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to  
19 compile a short list of Fortune 500 companies that could  
20 potentially relocate to the State; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
23 also identify the means and incentives that might be attractive  
24 to entice the companies on the list to relocate to the State;  
25 and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
28 submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including  
29 any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than  
30 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
31 2022; and

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

