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## SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON POTENTIAL INDUSTRIES, OTHER THAN TOURISM, TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE COUNTY OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports over ninety percent of the products  
2 that the State consumes; therefore, supporting local  
3 manufacturers can help supply more of the products that  
4 residents of Hawaii demand and consume; and  
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6 WHEREAS, due to the remoteness of Hawaii's location, Hawaii  
7 consumers and businesses face the additional challenge of the  
8 high costs of shipping raw materials and finished products,  
9 among other financial challenges; and  
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11 WHEREAS, supporting local manufacturers will enhance the  
12 State's economy through job generation and displacement of  
13 imported products; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the County of Hawaii is the largest county in the  
16 State by land area and may be a good location to establish  
17 manufacturing facilities; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the establishment of a strong manufacturing  
20 industry based in the County of Hawaii would allow the county  
21 and State to diversify their sources of revenue generation,  
22 rather than continuing to rely primarily on tourism; and  
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24 WHEREAS, although manufacturing appears to be a promising  
25 industry for the County of Hawaii, more information is needed to  
26 confirm that and determine whether any other revenue-producing  
27 industries are viable options for the County of Hawaii; now,  
28 therefore,  
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30 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
31 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2019, that the  
32 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is  
33 requested to conduct a study on potential industries, other than  
34 tourism, to promote economic development in the County of  
35 Hawaii; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in conducting the study, the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is encouraged to research potential means of expanding the manufacturing industry in the County of Hawaii; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2020; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Mayor of the County of Hawaii.

OFFERED BY:

  
  
  


