
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR TO ASSESS AND RECOMMEND
CHANGES IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF STATE WORKFORCE
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS.

1 WHEREAS, ample evidence has been presented to the
2 legislature that Hawaii is facing serious shortages of numbers
3 of workers and adequate worker skills to meet the challenges of
4 global competition in the twenty-first century; and
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6 WHEREAS, projections indicate that over the next eight to
7 ten years Hawaii will need to fill nearly twice as many jobs as
8 there are young people coming of working age in the state; and
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10 WHEREAS, the effective and optimal performance of federal
11 and state workforce development programs are essential to meet
12 these challenges; and
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14 WHEREAS, the responsibility of economic development is to
15 support the development of high skilled industry; and
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17 WHEREAS, the roles of economic development and workforce
18 development have become increasingly interdependent; and
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20 WHEREAS, proposals have been made in the current and past
21 legislative sessions to realign workforce development and
22 economic development to jointly address Hawaii's workforce and
23 economic development challenges; and
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25 WHEREAS, at least eight states have combined their state-
26 level economic development and workforce development functions;
27 now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Office of the
32 Auditor is requested to assess the status and the effectiveness

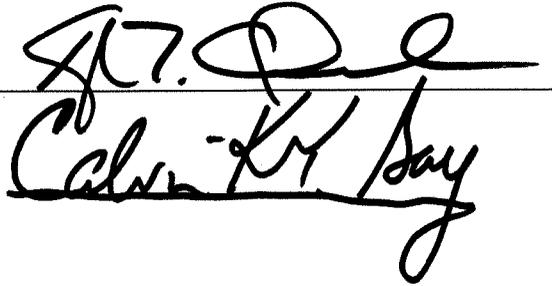
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1 of the current administration of workforce development programs
2 in the State, and recommend the optimal realignment of workforce
3 administration that offers the best, long-term structure for
4 addressing Hawaii's serious labor and skill shortages; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of the Auditor is
7 requested to report its findings, including any proposed
8 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the Regular Session of 2008; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor, the
13 Department of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Department of
14 Business, Economic Development and Tourism and the Workforce
15 Development Council.
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OFFERED BY: _____

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