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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE CENTER FOR PACIFIC ISLAND STUDIES AT THE  
UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII AT MANOA TO ESTABLISH A TASK FORCE TO  
IDENTIFY AND ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN  
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies within the  
2 School of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University  
3 of Hawaii at Manoa is the only congressionally-recognized  
4 national resource center for the study of the Pacific Islands;  
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7 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies, with its  
8 forty-two core and affiliate faculty members, possesses  
9 unparalleled expertise in the field of Pacific Island studies;  
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12 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies serves the  
13 Pacific region and its people through its commitment to the  
14 dynamic, active, and constructive exchange of knowledge on the  
15 Pacific Islands; and

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17 WHEREAS, it functions as both an academic department and a  
18 larger base for initiatives that bring together people and  
19 resources to promote an understanding of the Pacific Islands and  
20 issues of concern to Pacific Islanders, including the Pacific  
21 Islanders currently residing within Hawaii; and

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23 WHEREAS, according to a Census 2000 Brief, the Pacific  
24 Islander population is 283,000 in Hawaii; and

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26 WHEREAS, three of Hawaii's five counties were more than  
27 twenty-five per cent Pacific Islander, with the remaining two  
28 counties between twenty and twenty-five per cent; and

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30 WHEREAS, there is a need to identify and address the needs  
31 of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; and



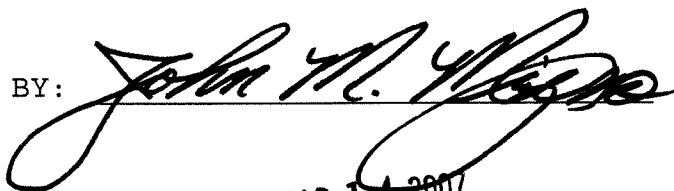
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2 WHEREAS, the Center for Pacific Island Studies would be the  
3 appropriate choice to convene and lead a task force to identify  
4 and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in Hawaii; now,  
5 therefore,

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7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
8 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
9 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Center for  
10 Pacific Island Studies is requested to convene and lead a task  
11 force to identify and address the needs of Pacific Islanders in  
12 Hawaii; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to  
15 submit a report, including any proposed legislation, to the  
16 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
17 the 2008 Regular Session; and

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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Dean of the School  
21 of Hawaiian, Asian, and Pacific Studies at the University of  
22 Hawaii at Manoa.  
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