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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE EXECUTIVE AND LEGISLATIVE LEADERSHIP IN THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT THE IRAQ STUDY GROUP FINDINGS AND TO IMPLEMENT THE IRAQ STUDY GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS.

1           WHEREAS, both the House of Representatives and the Senate  
2 of the State of Hawaii support the men and women deployed to  
3 Iraq and honor the memory of those who have lost their lives  
4 during the war; and

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6           WHEREAS, the Iraq Study Group, a bipartisan coalition  
7 created to study the situation in Iraq, ultimately concluded  
8 that:

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10           (1) More than \$400 billion has been spent on the war in  
11 Iraq, not including the ensuing "tail costs" expected  
12 for care of veterans and replacement of equipment;

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14           (2) Despite the massive effort on military and political  
15 levels, stability in Iraq remains elusive and the  
16 situation is deteriorating;

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18           (3) The Iraqi government now depends on the United States  
19 and the Iraqi people are unconvinced that they must  
20 take responsibility for their own future; and

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22           (4) The international community, including Iraq's neighbor  
23 countries, have not been persuaded to take on an  
24 active role in supporting the rebuilding and  
25 stabilization efforts in Iraq; and

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27           WHEREAS, most significantly, the Iraq study group analysis  
28 established that the justification for the United States  
29 invasion of Iraq were not true; Iraq had no weapons of mass  
30 destruction, and Saddam Hussein was not involved in the  
31 September 11 terrorist attacks.



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2 WHEREAS, the material and nonmaterial costs and sacrifices  
3 of deploying Hawaii National Guard members to Iraq have been  
4 significant, as evidenced by lost lives, combat injuries,  
5 psychic traumas, disruption of family lives, financial hardships  
6 for individuals, families, and businesses, interruptions of  
7 careers, and damages to the fabric of life in many Hawaii  
8 communities; and  
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10 WHEREAS, more than three thousand United States military  
11 service members have been killed in the war in Iraq, fourteen of  
12 whom were from Hawaii, and countless others have been maimed and  
13 wounded; in addition, several hundred thousand Iraqis have been  
14 killed; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the majority of Americans would like to see  
17 withdrawal of United States troops from Iraq, but there is, to  
18 date, no exit strategy; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
22 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that Hawaii's  
23 congressional delegation, the Governor, and all elected  
24 officials in the State of Hawaii are urged to support the  
25 implementation of the Iraq Study Group's recommendations,  
26 including:  
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- 28 (1) The President and the United States Congress are  
29 requested not to make an open-ended commitment to keep  
30 large numbers of American troops deployed in Iraq;  
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32 (2) The President and the United States Congress are  
33 requested to change the nation's military priorities  
34 in Iraq from active combat to missions involving  
35 volunteer service training, equipping, advice, and  
36 support;  
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38 (3) The President and the United States Congress are  
39 requested to seek to complete all missions in Iraq by  
40 the end of the first quarter of 2008; and  
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42 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President and the United  
43 States Congress are requested to redirect the financial  
44 resources used to prosecute the war on Iraq to address urgent



1 needs of the most vulnerable populations in the United States,  
2 including education and health care, and particularly  
3 appropriate healthcare and support; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
7 United States, the President of the United States Senate, the  
8 Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the  
9 members of Hawaii's congressional delegation, and the Governor.  
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