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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY AND LABOR AND THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES COMMITTEE ON LABOR TO CONVENE A JOINT HEARING ON THE LABOR FORCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PROPOSED TURTLE BAY RESORT EXPANSION AND THE IMPACTS THAT A LARGE INCREASE IN EMPLOYEES MAY HAVE ON THE SPARSELY POPULATED NORTH SHORE OF OAHU.

1 WHEREAS, Kuilima Resort Company, based upon a Unilateral
2 Agreement approved in 1986, is now proceeding with plans to
3 expand the Turtle Bay Resort from five hundred to four thousand
4 hotel and condominium units; and

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6 WHEREAS, such an expansion would require thousands of new
7 employees; and

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9 WHEREAS, the statewide number of employees in accommodation
10 and food services was 96,400 in January 2007; and

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12 WHEREAS, the proposed resort expansion of the Turtle Bay
13 Resort would require an increase of approximately three to four
14 per cent to the statewide workforce of accommodation and food
15 service employees; and

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17 WHEREAS, the unemployment rate in January 2007 was two per
18 cent on Oahu and 2.2 per cent statewide; and

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20 WHEREAS, the number of potential new jobs could not
21 possibly be filled by residents of the North Shore; and

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23 WHEREAS, the number of potential new jobs could not likely
24 be filled by residents of Oahu or from the rest of the State of
25 Hawaii; and

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27 WHEREAS, there exists a substantial shortage of affordable
28 housing units throughout Oahu and more particularly on the north
29 shore of Oahu; and



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2 WHEREAS, hundreds, if not thousands, of new employees
3 seeking residences in the vicinity of the resort would severely
4 aggravate the housing situation on the north shore; and
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6 WHEREAS, hundreds, if not thousands, of new employees who
7 do not live near the resort and would need to commute would add
8 substantially to the increasing traffic problems experienced
9 statewide; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
12 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the
13 House of Representatives concurring, that the Senate Committee
14 on Judiciary and Labor and the House of Representatives
15 Committee on Labor are requested to convene a joint hearing to
16 consider the likely impacts on the labor force by the proposed
17 Turtle Bay Resort expansion; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
21 President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of
22 Representatives, the Chairs of the Senate Committee on Judiciary
23 and Labor and the House of Representatives Committee on Labor,
24 the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, and the Chair of
25 the Honolulu City Council.
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