HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO INVESTIGATE THE FEASIBILITY OF CREATING A MARKET IN THE TOURISM INDUSTRY FOR OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES.

WHEREAS, Hawaii is blessed with natural beauty and a year-round climate that optimize opportunities for outdoor activities from the mountains to the sea; and

WHEREAS, the potential exists for a niche market in the State's tourism industry for outdoor activities; and

WHEREAS, outfitters and guide services have the ability to grow and expand, increasing the impact of outdoor tourism activities on the State's economy; and

WHEREAS, an increase in the number of people paying licensing and user fees, permits, and other related charges and expenses would provide additional revenue to the State, grow a niche tourism industry, and promote the growth of businesses providing services to the activities; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is requested to investigate and study the feasibility of creating a market in the tourism industry for outdoor activities by:

- (1) Identifying challenges, barriers, and opportunities to promote outdoor activities as a niche market in the tourism industry;
- (2) Reviewing existing laws and rules pertaining to outdoor activities; and

1	(3) Recommending any changes to existing laws and rules to
2	promote outdoor activities as a niche market in the
3	tourism industry;
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7	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is
8	requested to submit its findings and recommendations, including
9	any proposed legislation, to the Legislature at least 20 days
0	prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2010; and
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2	BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
3	Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
1	of the Hawaii Tourism Authority.