HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES AND DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO WORK TOGETHER TO IDENTIFY SUITABLE STATE LANDS FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF A HIGH TECHNOLOGY PARK ON OAHU.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's technology and defense-related industries have shown strong growth and potential for expansion; and

WHEREAS, by 2012, these industries on Oahu will have an estimated 176,000 jobs, with more than 51,000 of these being newly-created positions; and

WHEREAS, the State's workforce needs to be trained to meet the growing demand for highly-skilled, highly-specialized labor in areas such as high technology, defense-aerospace, business, and finance; and

WHEREAS, the State's ability to meet this demand will help shape the future quality of life for many Hawaii residents; and

WHEREAS, the development of an employment anchor facility, such as a high technology park, will be crucial for preparing Hawaii's current and future workforce to adequately deal with the challenges of working in high technology industries; and

WHEREAS, demand for an employment anchor facility from local technology businesses and major out-of-state defense and aerospace contractors who wish to establish businesses on Oahu is already significant and growing; and

WHEREAS, the development of an employment anchor facility in the form of a high technology park is an important first step

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in creating and sustaining a vibrant high technology industry in the State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature requests the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Accounting and General Services to work together to identify suitable State lands for the development of a high technology park on Oahu; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Land and Natural Resources and Department of Accounting and General Services are requested to submit a report of their findings and recommendations regarding suitable State lands for the development of a high technology park on Oahu to the Legislature no later than 60 days prior to the convening of the 2012 Regular Session; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources and the Comptroller.

OFFERED BY:

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