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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII TOURISM AUTHORITY TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY
OF DEVELOPING A HOTEL ABOVE THE HAWAII CONVENTION CENTER
FACILITY.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Convention Center is a \$350,000,000
2 state project that was completed in October 1997; and
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4 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Convention Center, located at the
5 entrance to Waikiki, was designed to convey a "Hawaiian Sense of
6 Place"; and
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8 WHEREAS, the facility includes a 35,000 square foot
9 registration lobby, 200,000 square foot exhibition hall, nearly
10 150,000 square feet of meeting space, including two presentation
11 theaters, a 35,000 square foot ballroom, 20,000 square foot
12 production kitchen, and 2.5 acre landscaped rooftop garden, with
13 700 parking stalls available on the premises; and
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15 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Convention Center also provides a wide
16 array of technology and telecommunications equipment and
17 services for convention planners and attendees; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Convention Center has received a
20 continued stream of awards for all aspects of convention
21 management, and is a winner of thirteen consecutive Prime Site
22 Awards for 1999-2011 from Facilities & Destinations Magazine;
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25 WHEREAS, three of the Hawaii Convention Center's largest
26 meetings of 2011 made significant contributions to Hawaii
27 schools, hospitals, nonprofit organizations, and communities,
28 all while attracting more than 25,000 participants from around
29 the world, resulting in more than \$120,000,000 in state revenue;
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32 WHEREAS, the location of the Hawaii Convention Center and
33 the many amenities it offers may provide additional
34 opportunities for an expansion of convention-related
35 initiatives; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
4 that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is requested to study the
5 feasibility of developing a hotel above the Hawaii Convention
6 Center facility, including the consideration of the following:

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8 (1) Site and other logistical issues related to the
9 development of a hotel facility at this location,
10 including traffic and infrastructure demands;
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12 (2) Jurisdictional, permitting, design, construction, and
13 funding requirements;
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15 (3) Interest by private sector developers;
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17 (4) Public-private partnerships for development and
18 operations of such a hotel, including a partnership
19 with the University of Hawaii School of Travel
20 Industry Management for the provision of internships,
21 externships, and other professional development
22 opportunities for students enrolled in the school and
23 the operation of a learning facility at such a hotel;
24 and
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26 (5) Any other pertinent issues that may have a direct or
27 indirect impact on the development of such a hotel
28 facility; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Tourism Authority is
31 requested to report the findings and results of the feasibility
32 study, including any recommendations requiring legislative
33 approval, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
34 the Regular Session of 2013; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the
3 Hawaii Tourism Authority and the Dean of the University of
4 Hawaii School of Travel Industry Management.
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