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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO COMPILE A SHORT LIST OF FORTUNE 500 COMPANIES  
THAT ARE SUITABLE TO RELOCATE TO HAWAII AND IDENTIFY MEANS  
AND INCENTIVES TO ENTICE THESE COMPANIES TO RELOCATE.

1           WHEREAS, business activity and a strong economy are vital  
2 to the public's health, safety, and welfare; and  
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4           WHEREAS, the economy of the State is largely dependent on  
5 the tourism industry; and  
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7           WHEREAS, the effects of the coronavirus disease 2019  
8 (COVID-19) pandemic and resulting job losses in the tourism  
9 sector of the economy have demonstrated the urgent need for  
10 business diversification in the State; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has shown that many jobs and  
13 businesses can be done from virtually anywhere with an internet  
14 connection; and  
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16           WHEREAS, business leaders must consider economic  
17 development opportunities, business climate, tax friendliness,  
18 and quality of life in determining the location for their  
19 operations; and  
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21           WHEREAS, the State consistently ranks among the top states  
22 in the country for clean air quality, happiness of its citizens,  
23 life expectancy, good weather, and overall quality of life; and  
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25           WHEREAS, given the advances in technology and the way  
26 business is conducted in the modern age, there are more reasons  
27 for a company to relocate to Hawaii than ever before; and  
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29           WHEREAS, some incentives that other states have used to  
30 entice companies to relocate are:  
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- 32           (1) Indiana offers a credit against corporate income tax  
33 liability where the credit can be up to fifty percent  
34 of a corporation's approved costs in relocating to



- 1 Indiana; provided that \$50,000,000 in new investment  
2 and seventy-five new employees are required;  
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- 4 (2) Mississippi offers incentives for national and  
5 regional relocation of headquarters between \$500 and  
6 \$2,000 per new job for a period of up to five years;  
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- 8 (3) South Carolina has a twenty percent credit against  
9 corporate income tax liability, based on the cost of  
10 the portion of the facility dedicated to headquarters  
11 operation or direct lease costs for the first five  
12 years of operation;  
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- 14 (4) Tennessee provides a refundable tax credit for  
15 relocation expenses resulting from a move where the  
16 credit can be used to offset franchise or excise tax  
17 liability in the year earned; provided that the tax  
18 liability is less than the credit, the difference is  
19 refunded in cash;  
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- 21 (5) Florida's discretionary grant funding may be available  
22 so long as fifty jobs are created in a three-year  
23 period and an investment of at least \$50,000,000 is  
24 made;  
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- 26 (6) West Virginia offers a credit of up to ten percent of  
27 the company's qualified investment to offset corporate  
28 income and business franchise tax liability for up to  
29 thirteen years;  
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- 31 (7) Wisconsin provides a refundable business tax credit  
32 based upon a percentage of wages paid to eligible  
33 headquarter employees and, in addition to  
34 reimbursement of up to fifty percent of training  
35 costs, the company can earn credits for up to three  
36 percent of capital investment in personal property and  
37 up to five percent of investment in real property  
38 provided that a new investment of \$1,000,000 is  
39 required;  
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- 41 (8) Kentucky provides income tax credits to both regional  
42 and national headquarter firms that can offset up to



1 one hundred percent of corporate income tax liability;  
2 and

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4 (9) Louisiana provides a rebate of up to twenty-five  
5 percent of facilities and relocation costs over five  
6 years; and  
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8 WHEREAS, the State should explore all possible incentives  
9 to lure well-paying jobs and investment to Hawaii; now,  
10 therefore,  
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
13 Thirty-first Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
14 of 2021, that the Department of Business, Economic Development,  
15 and Tourism is requested to compile a short list of Fortune 500  
16 companies that could potentially relocated to the State; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department is requested to  
19 also identify the means and incentives that might be attractive  
20 to entice the companies on the list to relocate to the State;  
21 and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
24 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
25 Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY:

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