
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING MICROSOFT TO CONSIDER BUILDING A DATA CENTER IN HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Microsoft has made numerous investments to people,
2 organizations, and the planet and has also demonstrated its deep
3 commitment to the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, Microsoft employs more than sixty-five employees
6 throughout the State, who in turn have engaged in two hundred
7 eighty-four hours of volunteer work; and

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9 WHEREAS, six hundred sixty-three nonprofits in the State
10 have received cash and in-kind donations from Microsoft; and

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12 WHEREAS, Microsoft has demonstrated its commitment to
13 workforce development and cybersecurity in the State via a grant
14 to Hawai'i Community College from Microsoft and the American
15 Association of Community Colleges' Cyber Skills for All
16 Initiative, which helps fund and provide technical assistance to
17 community colleges to accelerate their cybersecurity programs;
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20 WHEREAS, this initiative is part of Microsoft's national
21 campaign to help community colleges work to train and recruit
22 people for jobs in the cybersecurity workforce, with a goal of
23 two hundred fifty thousand cybersecurity workers by 2025,
24 representing half of the country's workforce shortage; and

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26 WHEREAS, Microsoft has also established several local
27 partnerships in Hawaii; and

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29 WHEREAS, for example, with support from a Microsoft grant,
30 Goodwill is equipping job seekers and career advancers with
31 digital skills aligned with in-demand occupations needed for
32 post-pandemic employment, including job seekers learning in the
33 top three levels of digital skills training: productivity



1 software, entry level digital skills, and mid-level and
2 occupation specific digital skills; and

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4 WHEREAS, Microsoft also has an official Digital Alliance
5 partnership in the State, which focuses on STEM and computer
6 science for youth and covers, and a partnership with the Chamber
7 of Commerce Hawaii focused on entrepreneurs, small businesses,
8 and education; and

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10 WHEREAS, Microsoft is also committed to improving broadband
11 access in the State through its Airband Initiative, which
12 advances digital equity access to affordable internet,
13 affordable devices, and digital skills as a platform for
14 empowerment and digital transformation; and

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16 WHEREAS, because environmental issues are also increasingly
17 affecting living conditions and economies throughout the globe,
18 Microsoft has made a commitment to be carbon negative by 2030,
19 water positive by 2030, zero waste by 2030, and protect
20 ecosystems by developing a Planetary Computer; and

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22 WHEREAS, additionally, through new digital tools Microsoft
23 can assist in decarbonizing operations and infrastructure, which
24 was the modification behind the Microsoft Cloud for
25 Sustainability; and

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27 WHEREAS, two seismic shifts in society are happening at the
28 same time: the digitization of nearly everything, in what some
29 call the fourth industrial revolution, and a move toward
30 renewable energy driven by the climate crisis and other world
31 events; and

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33 WHEREAS, at the confluence of these movements are thousands
34 of datacenters operating around the clock to support a wide
35 spectrum of critical services; and

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37 WHEREAS, data centers are facilities that centralize an
38 organization's information technology operations and equipment
39 for the purposes of storing, processing, and disseminating data
40 and applications; and

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