H.B. NO. **204**

A BILL FOR AN ACT

PROPOSING AN AMENDMENT TO ARTICLE XI OF THE HAWAII CONSTITUTION TO REQUIRE THE STATE TO SUPPORT AND FACILITATE THE EXPEDITIOUS CONSTRUCTION AND COMPLETION OF A THIRTY METER TELESCOPE ON THE SUMMIT OF MAUNA KEA ON THE ISLAND OF HAWAII.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

1 SECTION 1. Article XI of the Constitution of the State of

2 Hawaii is amended by adding a new section to be appropriately

3 designated and to read as follows:

4 "THIRTY METER TELESCOPE

5 Section . The support of astronomy, consistent with the

6 protection of natural resources and respect of cultural

7 practices, is a policy of the State.

8 The State shall support and facilitate the expeditious

9 construction and completion of a Thirty Meter Telescope on the

10 summit of Mauna Kea, on the island of Hawaii."

SECTION 2. The question to be printed on the ballot shall be as follows:

- 13 "Shall the Constitution of the State of Hawaii be amended
- 14 to require the State to support and facilitate the
- 15 expeditious construction and completion of a Thirty Meter

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1 Telescope on the summit of Mauna Kea on the island of 2 Hawaii?" 3 SECTION 3. New constitutional material is underscored. SECTION 4. This amendment shall take effect upon 4 5 compliance with article XVII, section 3, of the Constitution of 6 the State of Hawaii. 3 com 7

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Report Title:

Constitutional Amendment; Astronomy; Mauna Kea; Thirty Meter Telescope

Description:

Proposes an amendment to the state constitution to require the State to support and facilitate the expeditious construction and completion of a 30 meter telescope on Mauna Kea on the Island of Hawaii.

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