
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY.

1 WHEREAS, the State's heavy reliance on imports increases
2 vulnerability, and economic diversification remains a state
3 priority; and
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5 WHEREAS, historical evidence - from the State's 19th- and
6 early 20th-century sugar and pineapple industries, as well as
7 pre-contact self-sufficiency - shows local production can reduce
8 dependence and strengthen local communities; and
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10 WHEREAS, neighboring economies initially protected and
11 supported domestic sectors (e.g., agriculture, textiles, energy)
12 to build industrial capacity; and
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14 WHEREAS, the State can apply lessons from these import
15 substitution models to spur local manufacturing, agriculture,
16 and energy production; now, therefore,
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
20 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the State of Hawaii and its
21 political subdivisions are urged to consider import substitution
22 as a key strategy for economic growth and diversification, and
23 that relevant agencies:
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- 25 (1) Identify priority sectors where local production can
26 reduce imports;
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- 28 (2) Develop policies and incentives supporting such
29 industries; and
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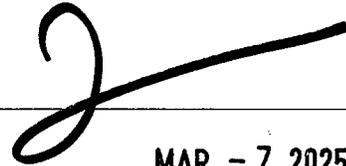
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1 (3) Collaborate with private, academic, and community
 2 stakeholders to share knowledge and foster innovation;
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, Mayors of each
 6 county, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu are
 7 requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations,
 8 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
 9 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
 10 of 2026; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
 14 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of
 15 the Board of Agriculture; Executive Director of the Hawaii
 16 Technology Development Corporation; and Mayors of the counties
 17 of Hawaii, Maui, and Kauai and Mayor of the City and County of
 18 Honolulu.
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