
HOUSE 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, that the State of Hawaii and its political subdivisions
21 are urged to consider import substitution as a key strategy for
22 economic growth and diversification, and that relevant agencies:
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24 (1) Identify priority sectors where local production can
25 reduce imports;
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27 (2) Develop policies and incentives supporting such
28 industries; and
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30 (3) Collaborate with private, academic, and community
31 stakeholders to share knowledge and foster innovation;
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor, Mayors of each
2 county, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu are
3 requested to submit a report of findings and recommendations,
4 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
5 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
6 of 2026; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director of Business,
10 Economic Development, and Tourism; Chairperson of the Board of
11 Agriculture; Executive Director of the Hawaii Technology
12 Development Corporation; and Mayors of the counties of Hawaii,
13 Maui, and Kauai and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.
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