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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE BOARD OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO EXTEND FOR A PERIOD OF TEN YEARS THE LEASES AND SUBLEASES ON MAUNA KEA LANDS.

1 WHEREAS, the lands of Mauna Kea are currently leased to the
2 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority pursuant to Act
3 255, Session Laws of Hawaii 2022; and
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5 WHEREAS, the lands of Mauna Kea are further subleased to
6 persons and entities for the purpose of operating telescope
7 observatories or other astronomical research purposes; and
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9 WHEREAS, the master lease and all subleases of Mauna Kea
10 lands are set to expire on December 31, 2033; now, therefore,
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12 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
13 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
14 House of Representatives concurring, that, notwithstanding any
15 law to the contrary, the Board of Land and Natural Resources is
16 urged to extend for a period of ten years any lease or easement
17 between the Board and the University of Hawaii pertaining to
18 Mauna Kea lands that is currently in effect and transferred to
19 the Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority pursuant to
20 Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, notwithstanding any law to
23 contrary and subject to the respective sublessee, the Board of
24 Land and Natural Resources is encouraged to extend for a period
25 of ten years all subleases of Mauna Kea lands to persons and
26 entities for the purpose of operating telescope observatories or
27 other astronomical research purposes; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
31 Board of Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of



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1 Regents of the University of Hawaii, and Chairperson of the
2 Mauna Kea Stewardship and Oversight Authority.

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OFFERED BY: _____

