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SENATE 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,
14 that, notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the Board of Land
15 and Natural Resources is urged to extend for a period of ten
16 years any lease or easement between the Board and the University
17 of Hawaii pertaining to Mauna Kea lands that is currently in
18 effect and transferred to the Mauna Kea Stewardship and
19 Oversight Authority pursuant to Act 255, Session Laws of Hawaii;
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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 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of
31 Land and Natural Resources, Chairperson of the Board of Regents



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

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