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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, WITH COOPERATION FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES, TO ASSIST IN THE STATE AND NATIONAL POLICIES TO REDUCE RELIANCE UPON FOSSIL FUELS AND TO PROMOTE THE DEVELOPMENT OF AN ETHANOL INDUSTRY IN THE STATE OF HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, the legislative history of the Ethanol Investment  
2 Tax Credit indicates the Legislature's commitment to the  
3 development of a Hawaii-based ethanol industry; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the House Committees for Energy and Environmental  
6 Protection and Agriculture reported that:  
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8 *"A local ethanol industry can bolster the sugar*  
9 *industry, which is currently facing declining market*  
10 *prices. It could also stimulate the development of*  
11 *new crops, thereby providing new jobs and*  
12 *strengthening Hawaii's economy [and] this new industry*  
13 *will help to decrease Hawaii's heavy dependence on*  
14 *imported petroleum";*  
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18 WHEREAS, section 486J-10, Hawaii Revised Statutes, (HRS)  
19 requires "that gasoline sold in the [s]tate for use in motor  
20 vehicles contain ten [percent] ethanol by volume; and  
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22 WHEREAS, in her January 12<sup>th</sup> introduction of her Strategic  
23 Energy Plan, the Governor stated that "we will streamline the  
24 permitting process for renewable energy projects"; and  
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26 WHEREAS, the Governor has proposed a renewable fuels  
27 standard that requires 20 percent of all motor fuel to be from a  
28 renewable source by 2020; and  
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30 WHEREAS, the federal government has mandated the use of  
31 renewable motor fuel; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the international, national, and interisland  
2 transport, loading, off-loading, storage, and distribution of  
3 ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-products are critical for  
4 the successful development of ethanol plants in the State of  
5 Hawaii; and

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7 WHEREAS, the nature, size, and quantity of ethanol feed  
8 stocks, products, and by-products require maritime transport and  
9 use of state harbors for the berthing of ships for such  
10 products, and such products' loading, off-loading, storage, and  
11 distribution; and

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13 WHEREAS, section 171-59(b), HRS, defines "maritime-related"  
14 as "a purpose or activity that requires and is directly related  
15 to the loading, off-loading, storage, or distribution of goods  
16 and services of the maritime industry"; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2006, that this body encourages the Department of  
21 Transportation (DOT), with cooperation from the Department of  
22 Land and Natural Resources (DLNR), to assist in state and  
23 national policies to reduce reliance upon fossil fuels and to  
24 promote the development of an ethanol industry in the state by:

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26 (1) Supporting and facilitating the berthing of ships and  
27 barges for ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-  
28 products. DOT is further encouraged to support and  
29 facilitate the loading, off-loading, storage, and  
30 distribution of ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-  
31 products for ethanol plants developed or to be  
32 developed in the State of Hawaii; and  
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34 (2) Encouraging DOT and DLNR to permit such leasing,  
35 licensing, permitting, and easement grants of harbor  
36 properties as may be required for the loading, off-  
37 loading, storage, and distribution of ethanol feed  
38 stocks, products, and by-products for ethanol plants  
39 developed or to be developed in the State of Hawaii  
40 and to determine that such activity is maritime-  
41 related;

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the House of Representatives  
2 deems it to be its legislative intent that the maritime  
3 transport, loading, off-loading, storage, and distribution of  
4 ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-products for ethanol  
5 plants developed or to be developed in the State of Hawaii is  
6 "maritime-related" in the context of section 171-59(b), HRS; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of  
10 Transportation, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
11 Resources, and the Deputy Director of Transportation, Harbors  
12 Division.

