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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT A PUBLIC  
SCHOOL PHOTOVOLTAIC PILOT PROJECT.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii's dependence on petroleum for about ninety  
2 per cent of its energy needs is more than any other state in the  
3 nation; and

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5           WHEREAS, this dependence makes the State extremely  
6 vulnerable to any oil embargo, supply disruption, international  
7 market dysfunction, and many other factors beyond the control of  
8 the State; and

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10          WHEREAS, the continued consumption of conventional  
11 petroleum fuel negatively impacts the State's environment; and

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13          WHEREAS, Hawaii has an abundance of renewable resources,  
14 with studies showing that at least 10.5 per cent of Hawaii's  
15 electricity could be generated from renewable energy resources  
16 by 2010; and

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18          WHEREAS, the increased use of renewable energy resources  
19 would increase Hawaii's energy-self sufficiency, achieving broad  
20 societal benefits, including increased energy security,  
21 resistance to increases in oil prices, environmental  
22 sustainability, economic development, and job creation; and

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24          WHEREAS, the deployment of renewable energy resources in  
25 Hawaii's public schools would help the State achieve its energy  
26 sustainability goals, while exemplifying to students and the  
27 general public alike that the deployment of renewable energy  
28 resources is advisable and feasible; now, therefore,

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30          BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
31 Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
32 of 2006, that the Department of Education is requested to  
33 implement a pilot project to install photovoltaic energy systems  
34 at Reverend Benjamin Parker Elementary School and Kailua  
35 Intermediate School on Oahu; and

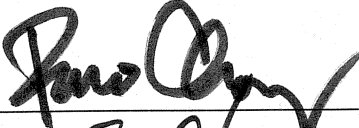
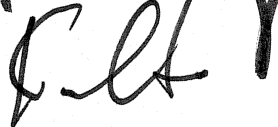



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education is  
3 requested to report its findings and recommendations, including  
4 proposed legislation, if any, on the public school photovoltaic  
5 pilot project to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior  
6 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
10 Education and the Superintendent of Education.

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OFFERED BY:

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