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SENATE 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
2 Investment Tax Credit indicates the Legislature's commitment to
3 the 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 State for use in motor
20 vehicles contain ten per cent ethanol by volume"; and
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22 WHEREAS, in her January 12th introduction of her Strategic
23 Energy Plan the Governor said 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 twenty per cent of all motor fuel to be
28 from a 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 utilization of state harbors for the berthing of ships for such
10 products, and their loading, off-loading, storage, and
11 distribution; and

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

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-third
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006,
20 that the Department of Transportation (DOT), with the
21 cooperation from the Department of Land and Natural Resources
22 (DLNR), is requested to assist in the implementation of these
23 policies by:

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25 (1) Supporting and facilitating the berthing of ships and
26 barges for ethanol feed stocks, products, and by
27 products, and DOT is further encouraged to support and
28 facilitate the loading, off-loading, storage, and
29 distribution of ethanol feed stocks, products, and by-
30 products for ethanol plants developed or to be
31 developed in the State of Hawaii; and

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33 (2) Encouraging DOT and DLNR to permit such leasing,
34 licensing, permitting, and easement grants of harbor
35 properties as may be required for the loading, off-
36 loading, storage, and distribution of ethanol feed
37 stocks, products, and by-products for ethanol plants
38 developed or to be developed in the State of Hawaii
39 and to determine that such activity is maritime-
40 related;

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