
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE "SUSTAINABLE SAUNDERS" PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - MANOA THAT SEEKS TO DEVELOP SAUNDERS HALL AS A MODEL FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY.

1 WHEREAS, renewable energy, energy conservation, and
2 recycling are words to live by as we embark into the 21st
3 century; and
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5 WHEREAS, Chancellor Denise Eby Conan's tenure as the
6 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus has been
7 marked by her interest and passion for sustainability and
8 renewable energy sources, and will be her legacy; and
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10 WHEREAS, Saunders Hall, home to a dozen social science
11 departments of the College Social Sciences, classrooms and staff
12 offices is a 7 story, aging, energy-inefficient building; and
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14 WHEREAS, students, individual faculty from many
15 disciplines, leaders in the School of Social Science, and the
16 Office of the Chancellor, envision Saunders Hall as an
17 opportunity to demonstrate how to improve the energy usage and
18 resource efficiency of an old building and to convert it into a
19 model of a modern, technologically-smart green building; and
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21 WHEREAS, 2006-2007 Legislators in Residence, Sen. Suzanne
22 Chun-Oakland and Rep. Barbara Marumoto, have encouraged and
23 supported the development of this conversion model for
24 sustainability; and
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26 WHEREAS, the most enthusiastic participants are the
27 students who call themselves "HUB" (Help US Bridge) and who are
28 already helping to measure, reduce and reuse the waste stream,
29 conducting recycling campaigns, encouraging Saunders occupants



1 to conserve energy and water and initiating a communication and
2 educational campaign to make this project a reality; and
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4 WHEREAS, "HUB" is organizing events for Earth Day, April
5 20, that will feature expert speakers, demonstrations of
6 renewable and alternate energy, and an interactive forum to
7 discuss exciting ways to save the planet - all that may be
8 accessed on the website, <http://sustainablesaunders.pbwiki.com>.
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10 WHEREAS, the faculty/student group and the Legislators In
11 Residence are requesting legislative funding totaling \$1.7
12 million for energy conserving upgrades to the air conditioning
13 and electrical systems, a green roof and a solar energy platform
14 that would significantly reduce electricity use as well as water
15 efficient bathroom upgrades; and
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17 WHEREAS, the cost of this energy efficiency will be offset
18 by savings in future years; now, therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session of 2007, that the
22 Chair of the Manoa Sustainability Council, the student leaders
23 of Help Us Bridge, the Dean of the School of Social Science, and
24 the Social Science Public Policy Center, be recognized and
25 supported for their vision to convert Saunders Hall into an
26 energy-efficient, sustainable, green building that will serve as
27 a model for similar buildings on campus and in the State; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents of the
31 University of Hawaii, the President of the University of Hawaii,
32 Chancellor Denise Eby Conan, the Dean of the College of Social
33 Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Help US
34 Bridge.
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