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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO DRAFT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN OFFICE
OF ENERGY.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the global demand for
2 petroleum and its derivatives has caused severe economic
3 hardships throughout the State and threatens to impair the
4 public health, safety, and welfare; and
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6 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, with its dependence on
7 imported fossil fuel, is particularly vulnerable to dislocations
8 in the global energy market; and
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10 WHEREAS, there is a need for strategic comprehensive
11 planning in the effort towards achieving full utilization of
12 Hawaii's energy resource programs and the most effective
13 allocation of energy resources throughout the State; and
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15 WHEREAS, planning is necessary in order that the State may
16 recognize and address the major problems and opportunities in
17 the field of energy resources and will identify present
18 conditions and major problems relating to energy resources; and
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20 WHEREAS, there are many agencies of the federal, state, and
21 county governments in Hawaii, as well as many private agencies,
22 engaged in, or expressing an interest in various aspects of the
23 exploration, research, distribution, conservation, and
24 production of all forms of energy resources in Hawaii; and
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26 WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to coordinate the
27 efforts of all these agencies to establish and coordinate
28 programs so that there will be maximum conservation and
29 utilization of energy resources in the State; now, therefore,
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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that proposed legislation
2 be prepared by the Director of Business, Economic Development,
3 and Tourism to establish an Office of Energy within the
4 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
7 include provisions that the Office of Energy be established to
8 assist the Governor and the Director of Business, Economic
9 Development, and Tourism in maintaining an overall framework to
10 guide the development of the State through a continuous process
11 of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the
12 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of
13 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical
14 manner; and
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
17 include provisions that the head of the Energy Office possess
18 the following experience:
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- 20 (1) Training in the field of energy resources, public
21 administration, or other related fields;
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- 23 (2) Experience in programs or services related to energy
24 resources and resource coordination; and
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- 26 (3) Experience in a supervisory, consultative, or
27 administrative capacity; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
30 include the following language requiring that the head of the
31 Office of Energy:
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- 33 (1) Be nominated by the Governor and, with the advice and
34 consent of the Senate, appointed by the Governor;
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- 36 (2) Be compensated at a salary level set by the Governor;
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- 38 (3) Hold office for a term to expire at the end of the
39 term for which the Governor who appointed the Office
40 of Energy head was elected;
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- 42 (4) Be included in any benefit program generally
43 applicable to the officers and employees of the State;
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1 (5) Retain staff as may be necessary and in conformity
2 with chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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4 (6) Report to the Director of Business, Economic
5 Development, and Tourism and not to any other principal
6 executive department; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
9 require the Office of Energy to:
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11 (1) Formulate plans and financial requirements for the
12 optimum development of Hawaii's energy resources;
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14 (2) Develop a strategic comprehensive plan in the effort
15 to achieve full utilization of Hawaii's energy
16 resource programs;
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18 (3) Conduct, collect, and disseminate research and
19 statistics on the energy trends and developments;
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21 (4) Develop benchmarks for energy resource development and
22 policy-making;
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24 (5) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed
25 energy resource programs;
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27 (6) Formulate and recommend specific proposals for
28 conserving energy and fuel;
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30 (7) Assist public and private agencies in implementing
31 energy conservation;
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33 (8) Coordinate the State's energy conservation and
34 allocation programs with that of other state
35 governments and governments of other nations;
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37 (9) Develop programs to encourage private and public
38 exploration and research of alternative energy
39 resources;
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41 (10) Conduct public education programs to inform the public
42 of an energy situation;
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1 (11) Serve as consultant to the Governor, public agencies,
2 and private industry on energy conservation;
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4 (12) Contract for services when required;
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6 (13) Review proposed State actions that the Director finds
7 to have significant effect on energy consumption and
8 report to the Governor; and
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10 (14) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor
11 and to the Legislature on all matters related to
12 energy resources; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
15 include provisions that the Office of Energy seek the widest
16 possible cooperation from public and private agencies,
17 individuals, and the federal government and the executive heads
18 of all state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the
19 Office of Energy by providing information as the Governor and
20 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism deem
21 necessary; and
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation
24 include provisions that any of the agencies of the State to
25 which general or specific appropriations are made, or a part of
26 whose budget contains an allocation, or that makes an allocation
27 of funds for energy resource planning and research, shall
28 consult with the Office of Energy to ensure that all
29 expenditures are in accordance with or in furtherance of the
30 goals and objectives of the Office of Energy; and
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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,
33 Economic Development, and Tourism submit the proposed
34 legislation to the Legislature not later than twenty days before
35 the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
39 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.
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OFFERED BY: Don memo

