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## SENATE RESOLUTION

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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,  
33 that proposed legislation be prepared by the Director of  
34 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to establish an



1 Office of Energy within the Department of Business, Economic  
2 Development, and Tourism; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
5 include provisions that the Office of Energy be established to  
6 assist the Governor and the Director of Business, Economic  
7 Development, and Tourism in maintaining an overall framework to  
8 guide the development of the State through a continuous process  
9 of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the  
10 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of  
11 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical  
12 manner; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
15 include provisions that the head of the Energy Office possess  
16 the following experience:  
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- 18 (1) Training in the field of energy resources, public  
19 administration, or other related fields;  
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- 21 (2) Experience in programs or services related to energy  
22 resources and resource coordination; and  
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- 24 (3) Experience in a supervisory, consultative, or  
25 administrative capacity; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
28 include the following language requiring that the head of the  
29 Office of Energy:  
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- 31 (1) Be nominated by the Governor and, with the advice and  
32 consent of the Senate, appointed by the Governor;  
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- 34 (2) Be compensated at a salary level set by the Governor;  
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- 36 (3) Hold office for a term to expire at the end of the  
37 term for which the Governor who appointed the Office  
38 of Energy head was elected;  
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- 40 (4) Be included in any benefit program generally  
41 applicable to the officers and employees of the State;  
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- 43 (5) Retain staff as may be necessary and in conformity  
44 with chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and



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2 (6) Report to the Director of Business, Economic  
3 Development, and Tourism and not to any other principal  
4 executive department; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
7 require the Office of Energy to:  
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- 9 (1) Formulate plans and financial requirements for the  
10 optimum development of Hawaii's energy resources;  
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12 (2) Develop a strategic comprehensive plan in the effort  
13 to achieve full utilization of Hawaii's energy  
14 resource programs;  
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16 (3) Conduct, collect, and disseminate research and  
17 statistics on the energy trends and developments;  
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19 (4) Develop benchmarks for energy resource development and  
20 policy-making;  
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22 (5) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed  
23 energy resource programs;  
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25 (6) Formulate and recommend specific proposals for  
26 conserving energy and fuel;  
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28 (7) Assist public and private agencies in implementing  
29 energy conservation;  
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31 (8) Coordinate the State's energy conservation and  
32 allocation programs with that of other state  
33 governments and governments of other nations;  
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35 (9) Develop programs to encourage private and public  
36 exploration and research of alternative energy  
37 resources;  
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39 (10) Conduct public education programs to inform the public  
40 of an energy situation;  
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42 (11) Serve as consultant to the Governor, public agencies,  
43 and private industry on energy conservation;  
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1 (12) Contract for services when required;

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3 (13) Review proposed State actions that the Director finds  
4 to have significant effect on energy consumption and  
5 report to the Governor; and  
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7 (14) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor  
8 and to the Legislature on all matters related to  
9 energy resources; and  
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
12 include provisions that the Office of Energy seek the widest  
13 possible cooperation from public and private agencies,  
14 individuals, and the federal government and the executive heads  
15 of all state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the  
16 Office of Energy by providing information as the Governor and  
17 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism deem  
18 necessary; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
21 include provisions that any of the agencies of the State to  
22 which general or specific appropriations are made, or a part of  
23 whose budget contains an allocation, or that makes an allocation  
24 of funds for energy resource planning and research, shall  
25 consult with the Office of Energy to ensure that all  
26 expenditures are in accordance with or in furtherance of the  
27 goals and objectives of the Office of Energy; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,  
30 Economic Development, and Tourism submit the proposed  
31 legislation to the Legislature not later than twenty days before  
32 the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and  
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
36 Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY: Don Hume

