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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

SUPPORTING THE USE OF TAX INCENTIVES TO ENCOURAGE THE USE OF  
ALTERNATE ENERGY SOURCES.

1           WHEREAS, the use of petroleum accounts for ninety per cent  
2 of the State's energy needs; and

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4           WHEREAS, this overdependency on fossil fuel leaves the  
5 State extremely vulnerable to oil embargos, supply disruptions,  
6 international market dysfunctions, and other risks; and

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8           WHEREAS, the continued consumption of petroleum negatively  
9 impacts the State's environment; and

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11           WHEREAS, Hawaii has an abundance of renewable energy  
12 resources, such as solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and ocean  
13 energy; and

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15           WHEREAS, the increased use of renewable energy resources  
16 would achieve broad societal benefits including energy self-  
17 sufficiency, environmental sustainability, economic development,  
18 and job creation; and

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20           WHEREAS, the use of renewable energy resources can be  
21 increased by providing tax incentives for the construction or  
22 repairs of buildings or the sale or installation of equipment  
23 related to renewable energy resources to produce:

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25           (1) Energy from an energy source or the utilization of an  
26 energy process that does not use fossil fuels or  
27 nuclear fuels; or

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29           (2) An increased level of efficiency in the utilization of  
30 energy produced by fossil fuels or in the utilization  
31 of secondary forms of energy dependent upon fossil  
32 fuels for its generation; and

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34           WHEREAS, an energy source may include solid wastes, wind,  
35 geothermal, solar, or ocean waves, tides, or currents; and



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2 WHEREAS, an energy process may include bioconversion,  
3 hydroelectric power, thermal conversion, or osmosis; now,  
4 therefore,  
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6 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
7 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
8 Session of 2008, that this body supports the use of tax  
9 incentives (i.e., general excise tax) to encourage the use of  
10 alternate energy sources; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic  
14 Development, and Tourism, the Director of Taxation, the Chair of  
15 the Hawaii Chapter of Sierra Club, and the President of the  
16 Hawaii Renewable Energy Alliance.  
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