

SCR191

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**Committee:** Senate Education and Housing  
Senate Energy and Environment

**Department:** Education

**Person Testifying:** Patricia Hamamoto, Superintendent of Education

**Title of Resolution:** SCR 191 REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT SIMPLE, COST-EFFECTIVE PRACTICES THAT ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE WORKPLACE AMONG DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

**Purpose of Resolution:** Requesting the Department of Education to implement simple, cost-effective practices that encourage energy conservation in the workplace among department personnel.

**Department's Position:** The Department of Education (DOE) **does not support** SCR 191(SR119). DOE has already implemented energy conservation programs in the work place and maintains an informational webpage. The DOE has informed schools and offices on practices that conserve energy - such as turning off lights and computers, resetting air conditioning hours and thermostats, and removing personal appliances.

An energy conservation program was implemented in school year 2007-2008. This program established a baseline of energy consumption based upon kilowatt hours during a 36 month period from July 1, 2003 to June 30, 2006. Schools that reduce their consumption below the allocated kilowatt hours will receive half the value of the savings; schools that fail to reduce their consumption below the allocated amount will be charged for half the value of the kilowatt hours used above the allocated amount.

The DOE is committed to improving its energy conservation effort through constant reviews and updates of its energy conservation strategies.

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Comments:

Aloha! I am writing in Support of Resolution scr 191 which encourages the state to review energy guidelines and educate employees about energy conservation through the course of regular memos, postings, and meetings. As a state employee, I have noticed that many of my fellow employees often waste energy by leaving lights on and equipment or by bringing personal appliances like microwaves/coffee makers/mini refrigerators to work. It is easy to waste when you don't see the bill and there are no energy conservation guidelines posted. This resolution would help to make employees aware of energy use and save the state money. Please hear this bill. Mahalo! Linda Silva

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Comments:

As the state looks to be a model for energy sustainability, conservation is the first place we must start.  
The state must lead by example.

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Comments:

I support Senate Concurrent Resolution 191 at the request of a Kauai teacher who saw many instances where energy is wasted in public school classrooms and offices. She felt that more could be done to lower electricity costs without spending millions of dollars on technology. As I understand it SCR 191 basically asks the Department of Education to implement simple conservation practices like posting photocopied signs asking individuals to turn off lights and/or computers when leaving classroom, prohibiting heaters, or requiring doors to be closed when the air conditioning is on, etc. These practices can be implemented into DOE procedures and emphasized in training, meetings and morning announcements.

Mahalo for moving this resolution forward.

Brad Parsons

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> Honorable Committee Members:

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> I support Senate Concurrent Resolution 191 at the request of a Kauai teacher who saw many instances where energy is wasted in public school classrooms and offices. She felt that more could be done to lower electricity costs without spending millions of dollars on technology. In these economic times, what a great way to save money and energy. As I understand it SCR 191 basically asks the Department of Education to implement simple conservation practices like posting photocopied signs asking individuals to turn off lights and/or computers when leaving classroom, prohibiting heaters, or requiring doors to be closed when the air conditioning is on, etc. These practices can be implemented into DOE procedures and emphasized in training, meetings and morning announcements.

Thanks for moving this resolution forward.

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Comments:

Zero Waste Kauai, a local, community based organization promoting sustainable solid waste management solutions supports all efforts to conserve energy and reduce our dependence on fossil fuels. SCR is one simple step to achieve that goal.

John Harder, Chairman



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Dear Senators

Please vote yes on Bill SCR 191. Simple measures to cut energy costs can form the groundwork for major change and if the State leads the way, citizens will be far more likely to follow.

In addition, cutting energy costs can ease the State budgetary shortfall. Mahalo for your consideration.

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Comments:

This very simple action does not cost a thing to implement and it will save money and energy. I hope these simple conservation actions will then be taken home, as this is one easy step we can all participate in.

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Senator Norman Sakamoto, Chair  
Senator Michelle Kidani, Vice Chair

COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair  
Senator J. Kalani English, Vice Chair

Re: STRONG SUPPORT OF SCR 191

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO IMPLEMENT SIMPLE, COST-EFFECTIVE PRACTICES THAT ENCOURAGE ENERGY CONSERVATION IN THE WORKPLACE AMONG DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL.

Respected EDH?ENE Committee Chairs Senator Sakamoto and Senator Gabbard, Vice Chairs Senator Kidani and Senator English, and EDH/ENE committee members;

Simple Energy Conservation Measures are the easiest, fastest, and least expensive way of addressing Hawaii's over-dependence on fossil fuel energy. Ideally all schools would be following conservation measures recommended in SCR 191, but for schools who have not adopted such practices, the Department of Education would provide the guidance and incentive for schools to implement conservation programs.

An added benefit in addition to saving the state thousands of dollars in electricity bills a year and reducing carbon emissions is that students can bring their learned conservation practices home with them for more families in Hawaii to practice energy conservation practices.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment,

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