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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII SEA GRANT COLLEGE PROGRAM TO  
REVIEW THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON HAWAII'S COASTAL  
AND MARINE RESOURCES.

1 WHEREAS, global climate change is a reality with potential  
2 for wide-ranging negative effects to Hawaii's environment,  
3 economy, and built environment; and  
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5 WHEREAS, the interconnectivity of the earth systems  
6 indicates that changes in air, land, and sea temperature and  
7 chemistry affect various other earth ecosystems; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program  
10 at the University of Hawaii at Manoa has previously compiled  
11 relevant scientific information on a variety of climate change  
12 effects on coastal and marine resources in Hawaii; and  
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14 WHEREAS, the effects of climate change will likely affect  
15 nearly all sectors of Hawaii's residents, businesses,  
16 infrastructure, and natural environment; now, therefore,  
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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
19 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
20 of 2011, the Senate concurring, that the University of Hawaii  
21 Sea Grant College Program is requested to review and analyze the  
22 potential effects of climate change on Hawaii's coastal and  
23 marine resources; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Sea  
26 Grant College Program is requested to address the following  
27 issues in the review and analysis:  
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- 29 (1) A summary of scientific facts associated with climate  
30 change in Hawaii;  
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- 1           (2) The effect of environmental changes on Hawaii's
- 2           environment, natural resources, economy, and human
- 3           health in the short, medium, and long-term; and
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- 5           (3) Policy framework guidelines necessary to further
- 6           develop state policies to adapt to the described
- 7           impacts of climate change; and
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9           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Sea  
 10 Grant College Program is requested to submit a report to the  
 11 Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any  
 12 proposed legislation, not later than twenty days prior to the  
 13 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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15           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 17 University of Hawaii Board of Regents, President of the  
 18 University of Hawaii, Director of the University of Hawaii Sea  
 19 Grant College Program, and the Director of the Center for Island  
 20 Climate Adaptation and Policy.

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