
HOUSE 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, that the University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program
21 is requested to review and analyze the potential effects of
22 climate change on Hawaii's coastal and marine resources; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Sea
25 Grant College Program is requested to address the following
26 issues in the review and analysis:
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28 (1) A summary of scientific facts associated with climate
29 change in Hawaii;
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31 (2) The effect of environmental changes on Hawaii's
32 environment, natural resources, economy, and human
33 health in the short, medium, and long-term; and
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1 (3) Policy framework guidelines necessary to further
 2 develop state policies to adapt to the described
 3 impacts of climate change; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii Sea
 6 Grant College Program is requested to submit a report to the
 7 Legislature of its findings and recommendations, including any
 8 proposed legislation, not later than twenty days prior to the
 9 convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 12 Resolution be transmitted to the University of Hawaii Board of
 13 Regents, President of the University of Hawaii, Director of the
 14 University of Hawaii Sea Grant College Program, and the Director
 15 of the Center for Island Climate Adaptation and Policy.
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