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SENATE 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 Senate of the Twenty-sixth
19 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the
20 House of Representatives concurring, that the University of
21 Hawaii Sea Grant College Program is requested to review and
22 analyze the potential effects of climate change on Hawaii's
23 coastal and 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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