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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INSTALL RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ON THE PREMISES OF AS MANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS IS FEASIBLE.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii faces difficult challenges in the field of  
2 energy, including an overdependence on fossil fuels; and

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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii imports ninety percent of its energy; and

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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii expends \$9,000,000,000 a year by importing  
7 fossil fuels; and

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9 WHEREAS, Hawaii has demonstrated its commitment to  
10 renewable energy through, among other things, the adoption of  
11 the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative; and

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13 WHEREAS, Hawaii has a variety of abundant renewable energy  
14 resources such as solar and wind; and

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16 WHEREAS, pursuing and promoting the use of renewable energy  
17 in state facilities will result in substantial cost savings for  
18 the State in the long term, as well as set a positive example  
19 for other people and entities across the State, particularly  
20 students; and

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22 WHEREAS, public schools use most of their energy during the  
23 day, when solar and wind resources are most readily available;  
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26 WHEREAS, the installation of renewable energy facilities on  
27 school sites will reduce the schools' consumption of energy  
28 provided from outside sources, including fossil fuels; and

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30 WHEREAS, leasing school premises to a renewable energy  
31 producer and entering into power purchase agreements to purchase  
32 electricity from the producer may be a cost-effective means of



1 initiating and sustaining renewable energy use within school  
2 facilities; now, therefore,  
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth  
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2011, the  
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Superintendent of  
7 Education is urged to facilitate the installation of renewable  
8 energy facilities, such as photovoltaic arrays, on the premises  
9 of as many public schools as is feasible in an expeditious  
10 manner; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Superintendent of Education  
13 is encouraged to consider the option of leasing school premises  
14 to a power producer and entering into power purchase agreements  
15 to purchase electricity from the producer for a fixed term at an  
16 established rate; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Education  
19 (DOE) is requested to submit a report to the Legislature  
20 regarding the feasibility of installing renewable energy  
21 facilities on DOE properties, including a list of schools at  
22 which the installation of renewable energy facilities would be  
23 most practicable no later than twenty days prior to the  
24 convening of the Regular Session of 2012; and  
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of  
28 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, Executive  
29 Director of the Charter School Administrative Office, and Energy  
30 Resources Coordinator.  
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