
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO INSTALL RENEWABLE ENERGY FACILITIES ON THE PREMISES OF AS MANY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AS IS FEASIBLE AND CONSIDER LEASING SCHOOL PREMISES TO A POWER PRODUCER AND ENTER INTO POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS TO PURCHASE ELECTRICITY FROM THE PRODUCER.

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