
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE THAT EXAMINES THE POTENTIAL FOR ADOPTING A CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD BASED UPON LIFECYCLE GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS.

1 WHEREAS, the definition of "renewable electrical energy" in
2 part V of Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is ambiguous and
3 allows for unanticipated loopholes to be exploited; and
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5 WHEREAS, attaining independence from detrimental reliance
6 on fossil fuels has been a long-standing objective for the
7 State; and
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9 WHEREAS, reducing the State's fossil fuel dependence and
10 the consequent price volatility and attaining energy security
11 and independence are critical; and
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13 WHEREAS, to achieve energy independence, the Legislature
14 finds that a clean energy standard that prioritizes electricity
15 technologies based on lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions is
16 estimated to be up to 90 percent more cost effective in
17 achieving clean energy goals than the current renewable
18 portfolio standard because a lifecycle green house gas
19 emissions-weighted clean energy standard provides guidance over
20 the whole suite of possible energy technologies and fuels and
21 encourages generation efficiencies; and
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23 WHEREAS, a clean energy standard also allows for partial
24 credit for nonrenewable energies, scaled to the worst greenhouse
25 gas emitter; and
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27 WHEREAS, energy infrastructure planning and energy
28 independence require long-term planning; and



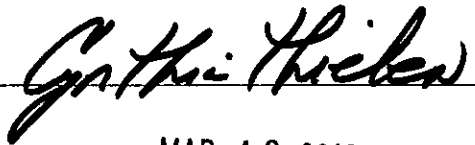
1 WHEREAS, such planning is especially important because the
2 year 2030 is now less than 20 years away; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Public
7 Utilities Commission is requested to submit a report to the
8 Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the
9 2014 Regular Session that examines the potential for:

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11 (1) Providing renewable energy preferences to certain
12 renewable energy resources that reduce or eliminate
13 the amount of fossil fuel used in the generation of
14 the renewable energy and result in reduced energy
15 transmission volatility;
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17 (2) Developing a clean energy standard that provides an
18 energy scale that provides for renewable energy
19 credits to energy producers based upon lifecycle
20 greenhouse gas emissions; and
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22 (3) Implementing a clean energy standard that replaces the
23 current renewable portfolio standard; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
27 Public Utilities Commission.
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