
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO EVALUATE IN THE
RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS STUDY PREFERENCES FOR CERTAIN
RENEWABLE ENERGY RESOURCES AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND
IMPLEMENTATION OF A CLEAN ENERGY STANDARD.

1 WHEREAS, attaining independence from detrimental reliance
2 on fossil fuels has been a long-standing objective for the
3 State; and

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5 WHEREAS, reducing the State's fossil fuel dependence and
6 the consequent price volatility and attaining energy security
7 and independence are critical; and

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9 WHEREAS, to achieve energy independence, a clean energy
10 standard that prioritizes electricity technologies based on
11 lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions is estimated to be up to 90
12 percent more cost effective in achieving clean energy goals than
13 the current renewable portfolio standard because a lifecycle
14 greenhouse gas emissions-weighted clean energy standard provides
15 guidance over the whole suite of possible energy technologies
16 and fuels and encourages generation efficiencies; and

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18 WHEREAS, a clean energy standard also allows for partial
19 credit for nonrenewable energies, scaled to the worst greenhouse
20 gas emitter; and

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22 WHEREAS, energy infrastructure planning and energy
23 independence require long-term planning and major capital
24 investment which may commit Hawaii's ratepayers for several
25 generations; 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 evaluate in the renewable
8 portfolio standards study required under section 269-95, Hawaii
9 Revised Statutes, the following:

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- 11 (1) Preference for certain renewable energy resources that
12 may have higher capacity value that reduce or
13 eliminate the amount of fossil fuel to mitigate
14 reliability issues;
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 - 16 (2) Development of a clean energy standard that provides
17 an energy scale that provides for renewable energy
18 credits to energy producers based upon lifecycle
19 greenhouse gas emissions; and
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 - 21 (3) The implementation of a clean energy standard that
22 replaces the current renewable portfolio standard; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
26 Public Utilities Commission.

