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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR TO FACILITATE THE DEPLOYMENT OF RENEWABLE-  
ENERGY TECHNOLOGIES, INCLUDING WASTE-TO-ENERGY, IN HAWAII  
AND TO ATTRACT FOREIGN DIRECT INVESTMENT AND INTERNATIONAL  
TRADE FROM THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA.

1           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii has long been a partner in the  
2 sister-state relationship with Jeju Island in the Republic of  
3 Korea for the mutual benefit of the people of both societies,  
4 and the City and County of Honolulu has maintained sister-city  
5 relationships with Seoul and Incheon; and

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7           WHEREAS, Hawaii welcomed its first immigrants from Korea  
8 110 years ago; and

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10           WHEREAS, the State strongly supports international trade  
11 agreements and policies, such as the Asia-Pacific Economic  
12 Cooperation (APEC), Trans-Pacific Partnership (TPP), U.S.-Korea  
13 Free Trade Agreement (FTA), and the U.S. Visa Waiver Program  
14 with the Republic of Korea to increase tourism, military  
15 cooperation, cultural exchanges, and investments; and

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17           WHEREAS, the Republic of Korea has demonstrated leadership  
18 in environmental stewardship and sustainable waste management in  
19 the adoption of waste-to-energy conversion technologies from  
20 which the State of Hawaii can learn and benefit; and

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22           WHEREAS, there exist tremendous opportunities to capitalize  
23 on the close relationship between the United States and the  
24 Republic of Korea, and the strong interest of the State of  
25 Hawaii in attracting foreign investments through partnerships  
26 with Korean companies in the renewable-energy field; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest electricity costs in  
2 the country, and is wholly dependent on energy derived mostly  
3 from imported fossil fuel; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii lacks new landfill space and is almost at  
6 capacity to absorb the waste produced by nearly 1.4 million  
7 residents and about 8.5 million tourists who are projected to  
8 visit the State in 2013; and  
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10 WHEREAS, the State, including the Legislature and Office of  
11 the Governor, has embraced renewable energy, sustainable  
12 development, and energy independence as reflected in enacted  
13 legislation and policies, such as the Hawaii Clean Energy  
14 Initiative; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the expeditious deployment of green technologies  
17 and attraction of capital investments will create high-paying  
18 jobs, raise state revenue, and benefit Hawaii's economy and  
19 residents; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
22 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
23 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Governor is  
24 urged to explore opportunities for foreign direct investments  
25 from the Republic of Korea for the deployment of proven  
26 renewable-energy technologies, such as waste-to-energy systems  
27 developed by Korean companies; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii is  
30 encouraged to maintain and foster more sister-state  
31 relationships with jurisdictions of the Republic of Korea; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is encouraged to  
34 promote and facilitate international trade, investment,  
35 manufacturing, and exports by Korean companies through the  
36 Hawaii Free Trade Zone No. 9 and other assets; and  
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
39 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the  
40 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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