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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO HAVE THE PUBLIC BENEFITS FEE ADMINISTRATOR CONSIDER INVESTING IN MARKETING AND OFFERING REBATES TO ENCOURAGE PROPER MAINTENANCE OF SOLAR WATER HEATING SYSTEMS.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature has made a commitment toward  
2 achieving greater energy sustainability and reducing the State's  
3 reliance on fossil fuels; and

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5           WHEREAS, it is a priority of the State, expressed through  
6 the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, to develop a clean energy  
7 economy for Hawaii, with a goal of achieving seventy per cent  
8 clean energy consumption by 2030; and

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10          WHEREAS, in addition to building investment in Hawaii's  
11 economy, developing a clean energy economy will help to keep the  
12 billions of dollars spent annually on imported oil within the  
13 State; and

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15          WHEREAS, one method of reducing dependence on fossil fuels  
16 is to make use of Hawaii's natural resources, such as solar  
17 energy; and

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19          WHEREAS, electric utility companies have provided cash  
20 rebates for consumers who install residential solar water  
21 heating systems and, in the past, state and federal tax credits  
22 have also been offered for the installation of solar hot water  
23 systems; and

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25          WHEREAS, the Legislature continues to examine various  
26 proposals to offer financial incentives to consumers that  
27 utilize renewable energy resources, such as solar energy; now,  
28 therefore,

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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
2 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
3 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Public  
4 Utilities Commission is requested to have the Public Benefits  
5 Fee Administrator consider investing in marketing and offering  
6 rebates to encourage the proper maintenance of solar water  
7 heating systems; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission  
10 is requested to submit a report of its findings and  
11 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the  
12 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of  
13 the Regular Session of 2014; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
17 Public Utilities Commission.

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OFFERED BY:

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