
HOUSE 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

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28 WHEREAS, Hawaii has one of the highest electricity costs in
29 the country, and is wholly dependent on energy derived mostly
30 from imported fossil fuel; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii lacks new landfill space and is almost at
2 capacity to absorb the waste produced by nearly 1.4 million
3 residents and about 8.5 million tourists who are projected to
4 visit the State in 2013; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State, including the Legislature and Office of
7 the Governor, has embraced renewable energy, sustainable
8 development, and energy independence as reflected in enacted
9 legislation and policies, such as the Hawaii Clean Energy
10 Initiative; and

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12 WHEREAS, the expeditious deployment of green technologies
13 and attraction of capital investments will create high-paying
14 jobs, raise state revenue, and benefit Hawaii's economy and
15 residents; now, therefore,

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17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
19 Session of 2013, that the Governor is urged to explore
20 opportunities for foreign direct investments from the Republic
21 of Korea for the deployment of proven renewable-energy
22 technologies, such as waste-to-energy systems developed by
23 Korean companies; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State of Hawaii is
26 encouraged to maintain and foster more sister-state
27 relationships with jurisdictions of the Republic of Korea; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is encouraged to
30 promote and facilitate international trade, investment,
31 manufacturing, and exports by Korean companies through the
32 Hawaii Free Trade Zone No. 9 and other assets; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
35 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of
36 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:



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