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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO ESTABLISH A GREEN BUILDING PROGRAM WORKING GROUP TO EXPLORE WAYS TO ENCOURAGE GREEN BUILDING IN HAWAII.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is an island state with limited resources,  
2 making it critical to encourage sustainable building design,  
3 construction, and renovation in a manner that provides a  
4 healthier environment, reduces operating costs, and conserves  
5 energy and resources; and  
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7           WHEREAS, green building - also known as sustainable or high  
8 performance building - is the practice of increasing the  
9 efficiency with which buildings and their sites use and harvest  
10 energy, water, and materials and protecting and restoring human  
11 health and the environment throughout the building life-cycle;  
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14           WHEREAS, green building can have an enormous positive  
15 impact on human health, the environment, and the economy by  
16 maximizing the economic and environmental performance of  
17 buildings; and  
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19           WHEREAS, easing the building permitting process and  
20 providing developers and owners with incentives may encourage  
21 green building in Hawaii; and  
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23           WHEREAS, a working group is necessary to explore green  
24 building related issues such as: streamlining the permitting  
25 process; eligibility requirements; incentive levels; targeted  
26 strategies or technologies that enhance sustainability; expanded  
27 affordability; stimulation of economic development; and  
28 guidelines such as actively participating in the review process,  
29 responding promptly to plan review corrections, and other green  
30 permitting requirements; now, therefore,  
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh  
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the  
3 House of Representatives concurring, that the President of the  
4 Senate is requested to establish a Green Building Program  
5 Working Group (Working Group) to explore green building related  
6 issues, including: streamlining the permitting process;  
7 eligibility requirements; incentive levels; targeted strategies  
8 or technologies that enhance sustainability; expanded  
9 affordability; stimulation of economic development; and  
10 guidelines such as actively participating in the review process,  
11 responding promptly to plan review corrections, and other green  
12 permitting requirements; and  
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group be composed  
15 of the following members:  
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- 17 (1) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on  
18 Water, Land, and Housing;  
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- 20 (2) One member of the Senate to be designated by the  
21 President of the Senate;  
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- 23 (3) The Director of the Department of Planning and  
24 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, or the  
25 Director's designee;  
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- 27 (4) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;  
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- 29 (5) The President of the Hawaii Building and Construction  
30 Trades Council, or the President's designee;  
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- 32 (6) The Chairperson of the City and County of Honolulu's  
33 Public Works and Sustainability Committee, or the  
34 Chairperson's designee;  
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- 36 (7) The Mayor of Honolulu, or the Mayor's designee;  
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- 38 (8) A representative of the U.S. Green Building Council,  
39 Hawaii Chapter;  
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- 41 (9) A representative of the Urban Land Institute Hawaii;  
42 and  
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1 (10) A representative or representatives of any other  
2 interested stakeholders or entities, including but not  
3 limited to developers, architects, and contractors, to  
4 be appointed by the President of the Senate; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate  
7 select a member of the Working Group to serve as Chairperson of  
8 the Working Group; and  
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested  
11 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
12 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
13 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session  
14 of 2014, and cease to exist on June 30, 2014; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the President of the  
18 Senate; Director of the Office of Planning; Director of Finance;  
19 Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
20 Resources; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Chairperson  
21 of the City and County of Honolulu's Public Works and  
22 Sustainability Committee; Director of Planning and Permitting of  
23 the City and County of Honolulu; President of the Hawaii  
24 Building and Construction Trades Council; President of the U.S.  
25 Green Building Council, Hawaii Chapter; and Chairperson of Urban  
26 Land Institute Hawaii.  
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