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SENATE 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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32 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
33 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
34 that the President of the Senate is requested to establish a
35 Green Building Program Working Group (Working Group) to explore



1 green building related issues, including: streamlining the
2 permitting process; eligibility requirements; incentive levels;
3 targeted strategies or technologies that enhance sustainability;
4 expanded affordability; stimulation of economic development; and
5 guidelines such as actively participating in the review process,
6 responding promptly to plan review corrections, and other green
7 permitting requirements; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group be composed
10 of the following members:

- 11 (1) The Chair and Vice Chair of the Senate Committee on
12 Water, Land, and Housing;
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14 (2) One member of the Senate to be designated by the
15 President of the Senate;
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17 (3) The Director of the Department of Planning and
18 Permitting of the City and County of Honolulu, or the
19 Director's designee;
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21 (4) The Director of Finance, or the Director's designee;
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23 (5) The President of the Hawaii Building and Construction
24 Trades Council, or the President's designee;
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26 (6) The Chairperson of the City and County of Honolulu's
27 Public Works and Sustainability Committee, or the
28 Chairperson's designee;
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30 (7) The Mayor of Honolulu, or the Mayor's designee;
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32 (8) A representative of the U.S. Green Building Council,
33 Hawaii Chapter;
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35 (9) A representative of the Urban Land Institute Hawaii;
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38 (10) A representative or representatives of any other
39 interested stakeholders or entities, including but not
40 limited to developers, architects, and contractors, to
41 be appointed by the President of the Senate; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate
2 select a member of the Working Group to serve as Chairperson of
3 the Working Group; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Working Group is requested
6 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
7 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
8 than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session
9 of 2014, and cease to exist on June 30, 2014; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
12 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate;
13 Director of the Office of Planning; Director of Finance;
14 Comptroller; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
15 Resources; Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Chairperson
16 of the City and County of Honolulu's Public Works and
17 Sustainability Committee; Director of Planning and Permitting of
18 the City and County of Honolulu; President of the Hawaii
19 Building and Construction Trades Council; President of the U.S.
20 Green Building Council, Hawaii Chapter; and Chairperson of Urban
21 Land Institute Hawaii.
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