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# HOUSE RESOLUTION

ENDORISING AND SUPPORTING THE ALOHA+ CHALLENGE.

1           WHEREAS, Hawaii is recognized as a global island leader in  
2 sustainability; and

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4           WHEREAS, Hawaii exemplifies the urgent need for action on  
5 the global challenge to build more sustainable economies, as  
6 Hawaii's people depend on imports for roughly 95 percent of  
7 their energy and 85 percent of their food, at an estimated  
8 annual cost of more than \$8 billion; and

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10          WHEREAS, the Global Island Partnership (GLISPA), a  
11 partnership for all islands regardless of size or political  
12 status, works with island leaders around the world to conceive,  
13 launch, and implement inspiring and successful high-level  
14 commitments to island conservation and sustainable livelihoods;  
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17          WHEREAS, GLISPA invited Hawaii to join the Partnership in  
18 September of 2013, and make a high-level international  
19 commitment to sustainability because of the State's track record  
20 and aspirations to build a more secure, sustainable, and  
21 resilient island economy, community, and environment; and

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23          WHEREAS, when Governor Abercrombie accepted GLISPA's  
24 invitation at a Washington Place reception for GLISPA  
25 representative Ambassador Jumeau from the Seychelles, he said,  
26 "Hawaii will join the Global Island Partnership to share  
27 Hawaii's successes and learn from other islands," and agreed to  
28 invite Hawaii's elected chief executives, legislators, and other  
29 leaders to join him in a statewide commitment to sustainability;  
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1 WHEREAS, Hawaii Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of  
2 state, county, federal, business, and nongovernmental leaders  
3 from many sectors, including clean energy, local food  
4 production, natural resource management, waste reduction,  
5 climate change mitigation and adaptation, planning, green jobs,  
6 and others, that is ready to support a shared statewide  
7 commitment to sustainability; and  
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9 WHEREAS, drawing from experience from other international  
10 commitments, key elements for an *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of*  
11 *Sustainability -- He Nohona 'Ae'oi*a have been outlined, with  
12 principles and targets based on current state priorities and  
13 policies; and  
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15 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature has a proven track  
16 record of supporting sustainability across economic, social, and  
17 environmental sectors, including providing guidance to assure a  
18 sustainable future through the Hawaii 2050 Task Force and  
19 Sustainability Plan established in Act 8, Special Session Laws  
20 of Hawaii 2005, and establishing sustainability as a priority in  
21 the Hawaii State Plan under Chapter 226, Hawaii Revised  
22 Statutes; and  
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24 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act defines  
25 sustainability and provides guiding principles for the *Aloha+*  
26 *Challenge*, including:  
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- 28 (1) Respecting the culture, character, beauty, and history  
29 of the State's island communities;  
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- 31 (2) Striking a balance between economic, social,  
32 community, and environmental priorities;  
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- 34 (3) Meeting the needs of the present without compromising  
35 the ability of future generations to meet their own  
36 needs; and  
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- 38 (4) Addressing the impacts of climate change and  
39 increasing climate change resilience; and



1 WHEREAS, the Governor, Mayors of all the Counties, and the  
2 Chair of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs have expressed their  
3 interest in accepting the *Aloha+ Challenge*; and

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5 WHEREAS, leadership and support by the Hawaii State  
6 Legislature is critical for the success of implementing the  
7 *Aloha+ Challenge*; and

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9 WHEREAS, a statewide commitment to the *Aloha+ Challenge* will  
10 help to:

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12 (1) Increase strategic support from key county, state, and  
13 federal agencies, elected officials, and partner  
14 organizations, working together with the private  
15 sector, on a shared green growth agenda;  
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17 (2) Attract global and regional meetings to Hawaii to  
18 share Hawaii's green growth experience, such as  
19 Hawaii's proposal to host the World Conservation  
20 Congress in 2016;  
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22 (3) Expand regional collaboration on shared issues, such  
23 as invasive species, climate change, fisheries, and  
24 ocean resource management;  
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26 (4) Promote:  
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28 (A) Accountability and continuity for long-term  
29 implementation through agreed measures;  
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31 (B) A committed public-private partnership across the  
32 state; and  
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34 (C) Local, national, and international attention to  
35 support progress on Hawaii targets;  
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37 (5) Increase Hawaii's federal standing by supporting  
38 national sustainability initiatives and targets, such  
39 as the Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and  
40 Economic Performance (Executive Order 13514); and



1 (6) Strengthen Hawaii's partnerships with federal  
2 agencies, international organizations, and other  
3 islands, including the U.S. Department of Energy, U.S.  
4 Department of Defense, U.S. State Department,  
5 President's Task Force on Climate Preparedness and  
6 Resilience, National Invasive Species Council, Global  
7 Island Partnership, and others; now, therefore,  
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9 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
10 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
11 Session of 2014, that this body endorses and supports the  
12 integrated approach and six ambitious targets of the *Aloha+*  
13 *Challenge* to be achieved by 2030, which include:  
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- 15 (1) Clean Energy: 70 percent clean energy, including 40  
16 percent from renewables and 30 percent from efficiency;  
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18 (2) Local Food: At least double the local food production  
19 with a goal of 20-30 percent of food consumed being grown  
20 locally;  
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22 (3) Natural Resource Management: Reverse the trend of natural  
23 resource loss mauka to makai by increasing watershed  
24 protection, community-based marine management, invasive  
25 species prevention and control, and restoration of native  
26 species;  
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28 (4) Waste Reduction: Reduce the solid waste stream prior to  
29 disposal by 50 percent, through source reduction,  
30 recycling, and bioconversion;  
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32 (5) Smart Sustainable Communities: Increase livability and  
33 resilience in the built environment through planning and  
34 implementation at the state and county levels; and  
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36 (6) Green Workforce: Increase local green jobs and education  
37 to implement these targets; and



# H.R. NO. 17

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Sustainability  
 2 Coordinator is requested to submit a report to the Legislature  
 3 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular  
 4 Session of 2015 on the launch of the Aloha+ Challenge, including  
 5 recommendations for promoting action and tracking progress on  
 6 the statewide sustainability targets; and

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 8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor who in turn is  
 10 requested to transmit a copy to the Director of each executive  
 11 department, the Mayor of each county, and the Chair of the  
 12 Office of Hawaiian Affairs.

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