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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO STUDY PHOTOVOLTAIC PANEL
DISPOSAL.

1 WHEREAS, over the past few decades, production of energy
2 through the use of photovoltaic technology has increased; and
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4 WHEREAS, the past ten years have seen the largest growth in
5 demand for photovoltaic modules, with a rate of thirty-five per
6 cent in 2010 and predicted rates of twenty per cent or more
7 through 2015; and
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9 WHEREAS, photovoltaic panels have a life expectancy of up
10 to thirty years, and panels that were installed in the 1990s
11 will start filling waste bins within the next few years; and
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13 WHEREAS, addressing the issue of photovoltaic waste has
14 potential environmental, financial, and social impacts for
15 companies and consumers; and
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17 WHEREAS, to help ensure that the State and people of Hawaii
18 are prepared for the expected increase in photovoltaic waste, a
19 task force can review the current photovoltaic panel disposal
20 practices and provide recommendations for any strategies that
21 might address environmental, financial, and social concerns;
22 now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
25 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014, the
26 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
27 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
28 establish a task force to study photovoltaic panel disposal and
29 present recommendations to improve photovoltaic panel disposal n
30 the State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
2 include the following members:

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- 4 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
5 Tourism, or the Director's designee;
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 - 7 (2) Representatives from the photovoltaic industry, who
8 shall be appointed by the Governor;
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 - 10 (3) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
11 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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 - 13 (4) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
14 the Senate; and
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 - 16 (5) Additional members the chairperson of the task force
17 determines to be necessary; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
20 serve without compensation but be reimbursed for expenses,
21 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of
22 official duties; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
25 designate a chairperson from among themselves; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider
28 strategies for addressing the expected increase in photovoltaic
29 waste in the coming years by considering local, national, and
30 international technologies for disposing photovoltaic waste; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
33 report to the Legislature on its findings and recommendations,
34 including any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days
35 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2015; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force be dissolved on
38 June 30, 2015; and



1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
 3 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, Speaker of the
 4 House of Representatives, and President of the Senate.
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