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SENATE 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,
26 that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
27 Tourism is requested to establish a task force to study
28 photovoltaic panel disposal and present recommendations to
29 improve photovoltaic panel disposal in the State; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force is requested to
32 include the following members:
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- 34 (1) The Director of Business, Economic Development, and
35 Tourism, or the Director's designee;



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- 2 (2) Representatives from the photovoltaic industry, who
- 3 shall be appointed by the Governor;
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- 5 (3) A member of the House of Representatives appointed by
- 6 the Speaker of the House of Representatives;
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- 8 (4) A member of the Senate appointed by the President of
- 9 the Senate; and
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- 11 (5) Additional members the chairperson of the task force
- 12 determines to be necessary; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the members of the task force
15 serve without compensation but be reimbursed for expenses,
16 including travel expenses, incurred in the performance of
17 official duties; and

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

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force consider
23 strategies for addressing the expected increase in photovoltaic
24 waste in the coming years by considering local, national, and
25 international technologies for disposing photovoltaic waste; and

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

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

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Business,
37 Economic Development, and Tourism, Speaker of the House of
38 Representatives, and President of the Senate.

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