
SENATE 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 \$8,000,000,000; 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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32 WHEREAS, Hawaii Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of
33 state, county, federal, business, and nongovernmental leaders
34 from many sectors, including clean energy, local food
35 production, natural resource management, waste reduction,
36 climate change mitigation and adaptation, planning, green jobs,



1 and others, that is ready to support a shared statewide
2 commitment to sustainability; and

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4 WHEREAS, drawing from experience from other international
5 commitments, key elements for an *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of*
6 *Sustainability -- He Nohona 'Ae'oi*a have been outlined, with
7 principles and targets based on current state priorities and
8 policies; and

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10 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Legislature has a proven track
11 record of supporting sustainability across economic, social, and
12 environmental sectors, including providing guidance to assure a
13 sustainable future through the Hawaii 2050 Task Force and
14 Sustainability Plan established in Act 8, Special Session Laws
15 of Hawaii 2005, and establishing sustainability as a priority in
16 the Hawaii State Plan under chapter 226, Hawaii Revised
17 Statutes; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Planning Act defines
20 sustainability and provides guiding principles for the *Aloha+*
21 *Challenge*, including:

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- 23 (1) Respecting the culture, character, beauty, and history
24 of the State's island communities;
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- 26 (2) Striking a balance between economic, social,
27 community, and environmental priorities;
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- 29 (3) Meeting the needs of the present without compromising
30 the ability of future generations to meet their own
31 needs; and
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- 33 (4) Addressing the impacts of climate change and
34 increasing climate change resilience; and
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36 WHEREAS, the Governor, Mayors of all the Counties, and the
37 Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs
38 have expressed their interest in accepting the *Aloha+ Challenge*;
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41 WHEREAS, leadership and support by the Hawaii State
42 Legislature is critical for the success of implementing the
43 *Aloha+ Challenge*; and

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

- (1) Increase strategic support from key county, state, and federal agencies, elected officials, and partner organizations, working together with the private sector, on a shared green growth agenda;
- (2) Attract global and regional meetings to Hawaii to share Hawaii's green growth experience, such as Hawaii's proposal to host the World Conservation Congress in 2016;
- (3) Expand regional collaboration on shared issues, such as invasive species, climate change, fisheries, and ocean resource management;
- (4) Promote:
 - (A) Accountability and continuity for long-term implementation through agreed measures;
 - (B) A committed public-private partnership across the State; and
 - (C) Local, national, and international attention to support progress on Hawaii targets;
- (5) Increase Hawaii's federal standing by supporting national sustainability initiatives and targets, such as the Federal Leadership in Environmental, Energy and Economic Performance (Executive Order 13514); and
- (6) Strengthen Hawaii's partnerships with federal agencies, international organizations, and other islands, including the United States Department of Energy, United States Department of Defense, United States Department of State, President's Task Force on Climate Preparedness and Resilience, National Invasive Species Council, Global Island Partnership, and others; now, therefore,

1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2014,
3 that this body endorses and supports the integrated approach and
4 six ambitious targets of the *Aloha+ Challenge* to be achieved by
5 2030, which include:

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7 (1) Clean Energy: 70 percent clean energy, including 40
8 percent from renewables and 30 percent from
9 efficiency;
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11 (2) Local Food: At least double the local food production
12 with a goal of 20-30 percent of food consumed being
13 grown locally;
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15 (3) Natural Resource Management: Reverse the trend of
16 natural resource loss mauka to makai by increasing
17 watershed protection, community-based marine
18 management, invasive species prevention and control,
19 and restoration of native species;
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21 (4) Waste Reduction: Reduce the solid waste stream prior
22 to disposal by 50 percent, through source reduction,
23 recycling, and bioconversion;
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25 (5) Smart Sustainable Communities: Increase livability
26 and resilience in the built environment through
27 planning and implementation at the state and county
28 levels; and
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30 (6) Green Workforce: Increase local green jobs and
31 education to implement these targets; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Sustainability
34 Coordinator is requested to submit a report to the Legislature
35 no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular
36 Session of 2015 on the launch of the *Aloha+ Challenge*, including
37 recommendations for promoting action and tracking progress on
38 the statewide sustainability targets; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
41 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor who in turn is
42 requested to transmit a copy to the Director of each executive
43 department, the Mayor of each county, and the Chair of the Board
44 of Trustees of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs.