
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY CONTROL TO ADOPT THE ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE GUIDANCE DOCUMENT AS AGENCY POLICY FOR USE IN THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW PROCESS.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature adopted Senate Resolution No. 140
2 in 2005 requesting the Environmental Council, with the
3 assistance of the Office of Environmental Quality Control and
4 the University of Hawai'i Environmental Center to develop and
5 promulgate a guidance document on including principles of
6 environmental justice in all phases of environmental review
7 undertaken pursuant to Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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9 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council drafted a plan to
10 accomplish the tasks requested by the Legislature; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Legislature, in Act 294, Session Laws of
13 Hawaii 2006, appropriated \$82,325 for the Environmental Council
14 to contract with a consultant to facilitate and coordinate the
15 State's environmental justice activities; and
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17 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council hired an Environmental
18 Justice Project Coordinator who prepared a Hawaii Environmental
19 Justice Initiative Report dated January 9, 2008, which resulted
20 in the definition of environmental justice for Hawaii and an
21 environmental justice guidance document to ensure that
22 principles of environmental justice are systematically included
23 in all phases of the environmental review process; and
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25 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council and the Office of
26 Environmental Quality Control has had over ten years to complete
27 this work and was provided funding to do so; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2016, that the Office of Environmental Quality
32 Control is urged to adopt the environmental justice guidance



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1 document as agency policy for use in the State environmental
2 review process; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Office of Environmental
5 Quality Control is requested to report on the progress made
6 toward adopting the environmental justice guidance document as
7 agency policy to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
8 to the commencement of the 2017 Regular Session; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Health, Director of
12 the Office of Environmental Quality Control, and the Chairperson
13 of the Environmental Council.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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