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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO ESTABLISH A TARGET DATE OF 2045 FOR THE
REDUCTION AND ULTIMATE ELIMINATION OF HAWAII'S DEPENDENCE
ON IMPORTED FOSSIL FUELS FOR ELECTRICAL GENERATION AND
GROUND TRANSPORTATION.

1 WHEREAS, burning fossil fuels poses a serious threat to the
2 economic well-being, public health, natural resources, and
3 environment of the State; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State has an unsustainable dependence on
6 imported fossil fuels; and

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8 WHEREAS, approximately one-third of the State's imported
9 fossil fuels are used for ground transportation; and

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11 WHEREAS, transitioning away from imported fossil fuel-
12 powered ground transportation toward cleaner and more efficient
13 transportation systems powered by renewable local energy sources
14 is essential for the State's future well-being; and

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16 WHEREAS, the State has already established a goal of
17 achieving a one hundred percent renewable energy economy and a
18 target date of 2045 for the transition to renewable electric
19 energy sources; and

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21 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 196-10.5, Hawaii Revised
22 Statutes, the Hawaii clean energy initiative program was
23 established within the Department of Business, Economic
24 Development, and Tourism to manage the State's transition to a
25 clean energy economy; and

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27 WHEREAS, establishing a target date for the achievement of
28 the elimination of the State's dependence on imported fossil
29 fuel-powered ground transportation and the achievement of a one
30 hundred percent renewable energy economy will help align efforts



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1 by individuals, the public sector, and private business as the
2 State transitions to more sustainable forms of transportation;
3 now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2017, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, is requested to
9 implement a plan to transition the State to a clean energy
10 economy, including the reduction and ultimate elimination of
11 Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels for electrical
12 generation and ground transportation by 2045; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is requested that the
15 Department of Transportation's sustainable transportation forum
16 submit a report on the State's progress toward the reduction and
17 elimination of the State's dependence on imported fossil fuels
18 for ground transportation by 2045 to the Legislature no later
19 than twenty days prior to the convening of each regular session;
20 and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
24 of Transportation, and Director of Business, Economic
25 Development, and Tourism.

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