
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ENVIRONMENTAL COUNCIL TO SUBMIT A REPORT TO THE
LEGISLATURE ON THE REVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT
STATEMENT RULES, TITLE 11, CHAPTER 200, HAWAII
ADMINISTRATIVE RULES.

1 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council serves as a liaison
2 between the Director of Environmental Quality Control and the
3 public on matters concerning ecology and environmental quality;
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6 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council also monitors the
7 progress of federal, state, and county agencies in achieving the
8 State's environmental goals and policies and publishes its
9 findings in its annual reports; and

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11 WHEREAS, one of the Environmental Council's specific
12 statutory responsibilities is to adopt administrative rules
13 under chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes, relating to
14 environmental impact statements; and

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16 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council's administrative rules
17 were last revised in 1996; and

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19 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council is composed of fifteen
20 members, fourteen of whom are volunteers, who represent every
21 major Hawaiian island and, with the help of law students from
22 the University of Hawaii, have met throughout 2017 to prepare
23 revised rules; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council is preparing to hold
26 public hearings pursuant to chapter 91, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
27 on the working draft version 0.4 of the proposed revised rules;
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30 WHEREAS, the Environmental Council is subject to additional
31 requirements for final adoption, amendment, or repeal of



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1 administrative rules pursuant to chapter 343, Hawaii Revised
2 Statutes, including holding at least one public hearing in each
3 county; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
6 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
7 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Environmental Council
8 is requested to submit a report on the revision of the
9 environmental impact statement rules, title 11, chapter 200,
10 Hawaii Administrative Rules, outlining the process used to
11 revise the rules, including the methodologies implemented to
12 gather a wide range of public input, along with any
13 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
14 Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
15 the Regular Session of 2019; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
18 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
19 Environmental Quality Control.

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OFFERED BY: _____



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