
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS
THE ECONOMIC GROWTH POTENTIAL OF INVESTING IN GREEN
INDUSTRY INITIATIVES.

1 WHEREAS, a 2017 study published in the Journal of Coastal
2 Conservation found that at least eight islands in the Pacific
3 Ocean have disappeared due to "uncommonly rapid sea-level rise";
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6 WHEREAS, greenhouse gas emissions must be dramatically
7 reduced by almost half by 2030 to avoid the catastrophic effects
8 of climate change; and

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10 WHEREAS, economic analyses have shown that in the near
11 term, increases in infrastructure spending would significantly
12 boost economic activity and employment and have the potential to
13 increase public and private sector productivity growth in the
14 long term; and

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16 WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt
17 launched an economic policy that included massive investments in
18 public infrastructure and specific industries that transformed
19 the economy; these projects successfully brought the economy out
20 of the Great Depression while simultaneously providing much-
21 needed advances in rural electrification, the federal highway
22 system, hydrologic dam systems, space exploration, and nuclear
23 energy; and

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25 WHEREAS, Green Industry Initiative, as defined by the
26 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO),
27 creates awareness, knowledge, and capacities, and the UNIDO
28 works with governments to support industrial institutions that
29 in turn provide assistance to enterprises and entrepreneurs in
30 all aspects relating to the greening of the industry; and



1 WHEREAS, the implementation of a carbon tax, waste
2 management, infrastructure efficiency upgrades, and other items
3 that arise because of climate change will require thorough
4 investigation and analysis before becoming law; and
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6 WHEREAS, the implementation of climate change solutions
7 will simultaneously boost the local economy and make Hawai'i a
8 global leader in sustainability; and
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10 WHEREAS, delaying action to mitigate the effects of climate
11 change will only transfer the costs to vulnerable populations,
12 state budgets, and businesses; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
16 2019, that the Legislature is requested to convene a working
17 group to discuss the economic growth potential of investing in
18 Green Industry Initiatives, including discussing solutions to
19 climate change for Hawai'i; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
22 to include:
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- 24 (1) The Governor, or the Governor's designee;
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26 (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
27 Agriculture and Environment, or the Chairperson's
28 designee;
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30 (3) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
31 Standing Committee on Energy & Environmental
32 Protection, or the Chairperson's designee;
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34 (4) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
35 Labor, Culture and the Arts, or the Chairperson's
36 designee;
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38 (5) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
39 Standing Committee on Labor & Public Employment, or
40 the Chairperson's designee;



- 1 (6) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
2 Ways and Means, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 4 (7) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
5 Standing Committee on Finance, or the Chairperson's
6 designee;
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- 8 (8) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on
9 Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, or the
10 Chairperson's designee;
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- 12 (9) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives
13 Standing Committee on Health, or the Chairperson's
14 designee;
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- 16 (10) A representative of the Department of Labor and
17 Industrial Relations, to be selected by the Director
18 of Labor and Industrial Relations;
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- 20 (11) A representative of the Department of Business,
21 Economic Development, and Tourism, to be selected by
22 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and
23 Tourism;
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- 25 (12) A representative of the Department of Health, to be
26 selected by the Director of Health;
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- 28 (13) A representative of the Department of Land and Natural
29 Resources, to be selected by the Chairperson of the
30 Board of Land and Natural Resources;
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- 32 (14) A representative of the Department of Taxation, to be
33 selected by the Director of Taxation;
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- 35 (15) A representative of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and
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- 37 (16) A representative of Hui Ku Maoli Ola; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
40 to address the following:



- 1 (1) Implementation of a carbon tax and any additional
2 sources of funding towards statewide sustainability
3 measures;
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- 5 (2) Comprehensive waste management, including local
6 municipal recycling facilities and the development of
7 state-run recycling facilities for glass, plastic, and
8 other waste products;
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- 10 (3) Efficiency upgrades for infrastructure and public
11 buildings, including:
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 - 13 (A) Burying power lines when they need to be
14 replaced;
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 - 16 (B) Upgrading to net zero energy buildings; and
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 - 18 (C) Upgrading municipal water and sewer lines;
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- 20 (4) Planning for managed retreat from inundation zones and
21 vulnerable coastal areas;
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- 23 (5) Expanding sustainable farming and soil practices in
24 thirty percent of agricultural land by 2030 and
25 seventy percent of agricultural land by 2050;
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- 27 (6) Developing job training for workforce transition to
28 green jobs;
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- 30 (7) Developing models for community-controlled and
31 community-owned renewable energy generation with
32 justice-based transitions that make sure no worker is
33 left behind, similar to the Kauai Co-op model;
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- 35 (8) Upgrading vehicles, including a transition to electric
36 vehicles and renewable transit by 2030, and building
37 electrical vehicle charging stations;
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- 39 (9) Restoration of forests and wetlands and cleanup of all
40 brownfields and hazardous sites; and



1 (10) Any other effects of climate change that the working
2 group deems necessary to examine; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
5 to convene no later than July 1, 2019, and to hold monthly
6 meetings thereafter; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
9 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,
10 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later
11 than January 1, 2020; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
14 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the Director of Labor
15 and Industrial Relations, the Director of Business, Economic
16 Development, and Tourism, the Director of Health, the
17 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources, the
18 Director of Taxation, the President of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO,
19 and Hui Ku Maoli Ola.
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