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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

RECOGNIZING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE AS THE LEADING
GOVERNMENT ENTITY FOR THE STATE'S RENEWABLE ELECTRIC ENERGY
INITIATIVES, RENEWABLE ENERGY SECTOR DEVELOPMENT, AND
RENEWABLE ENERGY JOB PIPELINES AND PATHWAYS CREATION AND
URGING COORDINATION AMONG STAKEHOLDERS AND FEDERAL, STATE,
AND COUNTY AGENCIES.

1 WHEREAS, achieving the State's goal of using one hundred
2 percent renewable electric energy by 2045 will require
3 meticulous planning and careful coordination among stakeholders
4 and various federal, state, and county agencies; and
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6 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Energy Office; Public Utilities
7 Commission; Office of Planning; Department of Business, Economic
8 Development, and Tourism; and Department of Land and Natural
9 Resources all address various issues related to clean energy,
10 climate change, sustainability, and decarbonization, leaving the
11 exact division of responsibilities for renewable energy
12 initiatives somewhat unclear; and
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14 WHEREAS, it is also important for the State to work with
15 stakeholders, including communities, interest groups, and the
16 general public, to ensure that Hawaii's renewable energy goals
17 are balanced with the State's economic well-being; and
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19 WHEREAS, the State's development of renewable energy should
20 be well-organized and coordinated so that it can provide jobs,
21 support wage growth, and help reverse the trend of out-migration
22 by the State's youth; and
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24 WHEREAS, careful research and better communication are
25 needed to determine how the State's renewable energy goals will
26 affect the cost of living and quality of life for the State's
27 residents; and
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1 WHEREAS, the State's renewable energy initiatives would
2 benefit from having a single designated office coordinate the
3 projects; and

4 WHEREAS, the role of the Hawaii State Energy Office is to
5 support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative and to partner with,
6 coordinate, and assist government agencies, private industries,
7 and communities with projects that align with the State's
8 renewable energy and clean transportation goals; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
11 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, the House of
12 Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State Energy Office
13 is recognized as the leading government entity for the State's
14 renewable electric energy initiatives, renewable energy sector
15 development, and renewable energy job pipelines and pathways
16 creation; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office
19 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
20 are requested to deliver an informational briefing during the
21 2020 legislative interim to a joint committee of the Senate
22 Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Energy,
23 Economic Development, and Tourism to provide recommendations on
24 specific actions the State may take to promote renewable energy,
25 energy efficiency, and clean transportation; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office
28 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
29 are requested to provide to the Legislature a report on the
30 potential positive and negative impacts of the State's one
31 hundred percent renewable energy goal on the State's gross
32 domestic product, wage statistics, job growth, and consumer
33 price index; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Energy
36 Officer is requested to provide to the Legislature a plan
37 detailing how the Hawaii State Energy Office will create
38 pipelines and pathways to fulfill the industry workforce needs
39 of the growing renewable energy industry and the skill levels
40 and training programs needed to support the increased demand for
41 renewable energy jobs; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Energy
2 Officer is requested to provide to the Legislature a plan
3 detailing how the Hawaii State Energy Office will work with
4 industries and government agencies to grow the renewable energy
5 sector; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Energy
9 Officer; Chair of the Public Utilities Commission; Director of
10 the Office of Planning; Director of Business, Economic
11 Development, and Tourism; and Chairperson of the Board of Land
12 and Natural Resources.

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