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# SENATE 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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29           WHEREAS, the State's renewable energy initiatives would  
30 benefit from having a single designated office coordinate the  
31 projects; and



1           WHEREAS, the role of the Hawaii State Energy Office is to  
2 support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative and to partner with,  
3 coordinate, and assist government agencies, private industries,  
4 and communities with projects that align with the State's  
5 renewable energy and clean transportation goals; now, therefore,  
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7           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature  
8 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Hawaii  
9 State Energy Office is recognized as the leading government  
10 entity for the State's renewable electric energy initiatives,  
11 renewable energy sector development, and renewable energy job  
12 pipelines and pathways creation; and  
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14           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office  
15 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
16 are requested to deliver an informational briefing during the  
17 2020 legislative interim to a joint committee of the Senate  
18 Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Energy,  
19 Economic Development, and Tourism to provide recommendations on  
20 specific actions the State may take to promote renewable energy,  
21 energy efficiency, and clean transportation; and  
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23           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office  
24 and Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism  
25 are requested to provide to the Legislature a report on the  
26 potential positive and negative impacts of the State's one  
27 hundred percent renewable energy goal on the State's gross  
28 domestic product, wage statistics, job growth, and consumer  
29 price index; and  
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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Energy  
32 Officer is requested to provide to the Legislature a plan  
33 detailing how the Hawaii State Energy Office will create  
34 pipelines and pathways to fulfill the industry workforce needs  
35 of the growing renewable energy industry and the skill levels  
36 and training programs needed to support the increased demand for  
37 renewable energy jobs; and  
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39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the State's Chief Energy  
40 Officer is requested to provide to the Legislature a plan  
41 detailing how the Hawaii State Energy Office will work with



1 industries and government agencies to grow the renewable energy  
2 sector; and

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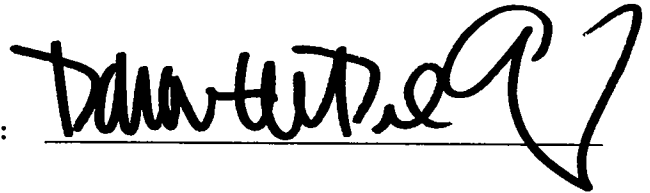
4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
5 Resolution be transmitted to the Chief Energy Officer; Chair of  
6 the Public Utilities Commission; Director of the Office of  
7 Planning; Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
8 Tourism; and Chairperson of the Board of Land and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

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