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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE, DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, AND DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND PRESENT A PLAN TO UTILIZE APPROPRIATE STATE LAND FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.

1 WHEREAS, section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
2 establishes the goal that, by 2045, all electric energy
3 generated in the State shall be from renewable energy sources;
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6 WHEREAS, in 2016, Governor David Ige pledged to double
7 local food production by 2030; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Department of Agriculture and Department of
10 Land and Natural Resources each have large land portfolios,
11 including acres of land not used for their mission; and

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13 WHEREAS, much of that land has the potential to house
14 renewable energy projects; and

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16 WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Hawaii State
17 Energy Office to promote renewable energy generation; now,
18 therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirtieth Legislature
21 of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2020, that the Hawaii
22 State Energy Office, Department of Agriculture, and Department
23 of Land and Natural Resources are requested to develop and
24 present a plan to utilize state land for renewable energy
25 projects for the benefit of achieving the one hundred percent
26 renewable energy goal established by section 269-92, Hawaii
27 Revised Statutes; and

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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan include an estimate of
30 the land available for renewable energy projects, potential
31 renewable energy capabilities by resource and wattage, and any
32 required land entitlements; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan also recommend
2 policies to efficiently and effectively accomplish renewable
3 energy goals; and
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the plan be cognizant of the
6 potential impacts to neighboring communities; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii State Energy Office,
9 Department of Agriculture, and Department of Land and Natural
10 Resources are requested to memorialize the plan in writing and
11 submit it to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to
12 the Regular Session of 2021; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to Chairperson of the Board of
16 Agriculture, Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
17 Resources, and Chief Energy Officer.
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OFFERED BY: 

