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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR  
CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE  
TO COORDINATE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, climate change is already impacting the State with  
2 the increased frequency of extreme weather events, which bring  
3 unprecedented risks, damage, and costs to Hawaii's communities  
4 and residents; and

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6 WHEREAS, the damage and costs of climate change will  
7 continue to grow without appropriate public action, saddling  
8 future generations with an extreme financial burden and  
9 significantly diminished health and quality of life; and

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11 WHEREAS, the State has prioritized actions to mitigate the  
12 effects of climate change for the State and planet; and

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14 WHEREAS, there remain additional steps the State can take  
15 to reduce its contributions to climate change and protect  
16 against the effects of climate change, particularly for Hawaii's  
17 most vulnerable population; and

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19 WHEREAS, Congress has passed legislation, such as the  
20 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to deliver millions of  
21 dollars for necessary infrastructure improvements; and

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23 WHEREAS, the funds granted by Congress offer an opportunity  
24 for the State to address key challenges resulting from climate  
25 change; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the  
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is  
30 requested to implement a plan to optimize the use of federal  
31 funds for climate resilience and equity throughout the State;  
32 and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
3 establish an infrastructure task force, made up of relevant  
4 agencies and departments, to coordinate the use of federal funds  
5 for climate resilience and equity and to implement guidelines  
6 for state projects to ensure that they promote climate  
7 resilience and equity; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure  
10 task force are requested to ensure that all eligible recipients  
11 of federal funding are given timely information and technical  
12 assistance throughout the application process for federal  
13 funding; and  
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure  
16 task force are requested to encourage any eligible recipients to  
17 apply for federal funding that would advance the State's climate  
18 resilience and equity goals; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure  
21 task force are requested to collect relevant metrics on any  
22 actions taken in accordance with this resolution and to make  
23 those metrics available to the public; and  
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.  
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OFFERED BY:

