
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND STATE DEPARTMENTS TO INVESTIGATE
OPPORTUNITIES PROVIDED BY THE DIRECT PAY PROVISION IN THE
INFLATION REDUCTION ACT THAT ALLOWS FOR DIRECT PAYMENT OF
CLEAN ENERGY INCENTIVES TO STATE GOVERNMENT ENTITIES FOR
THE COST OF INSTALLING SOLAR ENERGY SYSTEMS IN STATE
FACILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, in the Regular Session of 2021, the Legislature
2 acknowledged that climate change poses an existential threat to
3 humanity, declared a climate emergency, and requested statewide
4 collaboration toward an immediate just transition and emergency
5 mobilization effort to restore a safe climate; and
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7 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, President Biden signed into
8 law the Inflation Reduction Act, marking the most significant
9 action the United States Congress has taken on clean energy and
10 climate change in the nation's history, which includes
11 \$369,000,000,000 in direct investments to lower energy costs for
12 families and small businesses, accelerate private investment in
13 clean energy solutions in every sector of the economy and every
14 corner of the country, strengthen supply chains for everything
15 from critical minerals to efficient electric appliances, and
16 create good-paying jobs and new economic opportunities for
17 workers; and
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19 WHEREAS, the Inflation Reduction Act includes a provision
20 allowing direct payment of clean energy incentives to tax-exempt
21 entities who cannot take advantage of federal tax credits for
22 clean energy, such as states and counties, for activities such
23 as installing solar energy systems, including batteries, on
24 state facilities, up to thirty percent of the cost of these
25 projects; and
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1 WHEREAS, in fiscal year 2022, state departments and
2 agencies consumed over 520,000,000 kilowatt hours of
3 electricity, costing taxpayers \$173,000,000; and
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5 WHEREAS, installing solar energy systems on state
6 facilities would lower energy use, save money for the State and
7 taxpayers, and reduce the State's contributions to carbon
8 pollution; and
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10 WHEREAS, investment in Hawaii's clean energy transition
11 drives economic growth, creates good-paying green economy jobs,
12 lowers costs and the energy burden for all people in the State,
13 and reduces carbon pollution to mitigate the impacts of the
14 global climate crisis; and
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16 WHEREAS, state government entities must aggressively pursue
17 this opportunity and maximize the use of federal funds to reduce
18 the costs of installing renewable energy systems on state
19 facilities and build institutional capacity to fully obtain,
20 accept, utilize, and administer the funds available from the
21 federal government to decarbonize the economy and ensure a just
22 and resilient transition currently and in the future; now,
23 therefore,
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25 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
26 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
27 Session of 2023, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and
28 state departments are urged to investigate opportunities
29 provided by the direct pay provision in the Inflation Reduction
30 Act that allows for direct payment of clean energy incentives to
31 state government entities for the cost of installing solar
32 energy systems in state facilities; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state departments tasked with
35 managing facilities, including the Department of Accounting and
36 General Services, Department of Education, and Department of
37 Transportation, are requested to designate a point person to
38 prepare for the availability and deployment of the direct pay
39 funding for energy systems on state facilities; and
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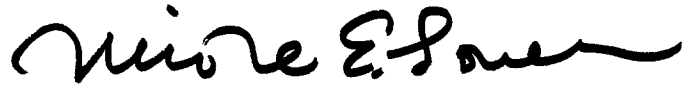
41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, head of



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1 each principal department, Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii
2 State Energy Office, and Director of the Hawaii Green
3 Infrastructure Authority.
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