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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF FINANCE TO CONVENE OF A WORKING GROUP
TO OPTIMIZE DRAWDOWNS OF FEDERAL FUNDS UNDER THE INFLATION
REDUCTION ACT OF 2022 (PUBLIC LAW 117-169).

1 WHEREAS, on August 16, 2022, the 117th United States
2 Congress passed the Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 (Public Law
3 117-169), which, in part, would make hundreds of billions of
4 dollars available to the states to support their efforts to
5 mitigate climate change; and
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7 WHEREAS, the State and counties are eligible to receive
8 federal funding, which currently includes but is not limited to:
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10 (1) Over \$4 billion for the creation of a program that
11 awards grants to state energy offices to develop and
12 implement home energy rebate programs for certain
13 households that have achieved certain energy savings;
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15 (2) Billions of dollars for tax credits to encourage
16 consumers to make purchases, such as new and used
17 clean energy vehicles (in credit amounts of up to
18 \$7,500 and \$4,000, respectively), and other energy
19 efficient expenditures;
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21 (3) Competitive grants from the newly-created \$27 billion
22 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund to form the basis for
23 the first national green bank, with sixty percent of
24 funding dedicated to low-income and disadvantaged
25 communities to deploy or benefit from zero-emission
26 technologies, including distributed technologies on
27 residential rooftops; to carry out other greenhouse
28 gas emission reduction activities, and to promote
29 environmental justice;
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31 (4) \$5.5 billion for grants, contracts, or financial
32 assistance agreements for disadvantaged communities



1 for up to one hundred percent of the cost of the
2 planning, design, or construction of certain water
3 projects that primarily provide domestic water
4 supplies to communities or households that do not have
5 reliable access to domestic water supplies;

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7 (5) \$3 billion for competitive rebates and grants that
8 address air pollution at ports, specifically for:

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10 (A) The purchase or installation of zero-emission
11 port equipment or technology for use at, or to
12 directly serve, one or more ports;

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14 (B) Any relevant planning or permitting in connection
15 with the purchase or installation of zero-
16 emission port equipment or technology; and

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18 (C) The development of qualified climate action
19 plans; and

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21 (6) A billion-dollar clean heavy-duty vehicle rebate and
22 award program for the:

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24 (A) Replacement of heavy-duty vehicles, such as
25 garbage trucks, transit buses, and school buses,
26 with zero-emission vehicles;

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28 (B) Purchase, installation, operation, and
29 maintenance of infrastructure needed to charge,
30 fuel, or maintain zero-emission vehicles;

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32 (C) Workforce development and training to support the
33 maintenance, charging, fueling, and operation of
34 zero-emission vehicles; and

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36 (D) Planning and technical activities to support the
37 adoption and deployment of zero-emission
38 vehicles; and

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40 WHEREAS, the State should take full advantage of the
41 federal funds being made available through the Inflation
42 Reduction Act, which requires the concerted efforts of county



1 agencies, state agencies, and Hawaii's congressional delegation;
2 now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
5 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023, the
6 House of Representatives concurring, that the Director of
7 Finance is requested to convene a working group to optimize
8 drawdowns of federal funds under the Inflation Reduction Act of
9 2022; and
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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group:

- 12 (1) Consist of members representing all levels of
13 government, as invited by the Director of Finance;
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- 15 (2) Review the potential for drawing down of federal
16 funds;
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- 18 (3) Plan for the drawing down of federal funds;
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- 20 (4) Plan for the use of federal funds;
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- 22 (5) Account for federal funds that have been drawn down
23 and spent; and
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- 25 (6) Recommend any legislation that would help secure
26 additional federal funding; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
30 to submit a preliminary report of its findings and
31 recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty days
32 prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2024, and a
33 final report of its findings and recommendations, including any
34 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty
35 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
39 of Finance, Chief Energy Officer, members of Hawaii's



1 congressional delegation, Mayor of each county, and Chair of
2 each county council.

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