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# SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO REVISE CURRENT  
RATE STRUCTURES AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL BENEFITS FOR THOSE  
COMMUNITIES THAT HOST RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS.

1           WHEREAS, the State continues to move towards its mandated  
2 renewable energy and carbon emission goals -- including its goal  
3 to become completely carbon neutral by 2045 -- which will reduce  
4 electricity costs and lower carbon emissions; and

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6           WHEREAS, the State's growing need for clean energy has  
7 accelerated the development and construction of different  
8 renewable energy projects in more locations around the State,  
9 creating new jobs and opportunities; and

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11           WHEREAS, while development and construction may boost a  
12 local economy, residents living in a community impacted by a  
13 large-scale renewable energy project often face a disruption in  
14 their lives as a result; and

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16           WHEREAS, residents of the State living in communities that  
17 host large-scale renewable energy projects are charged a flat  
18 rate for energy by their providers, regardless of their  
19 proximity to these energy producing projects; and

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21           WHEREAS, benefit packages provided by developers to  
22 communities that host large-scale renewable energy projects are  
23 often not enough to provide them with fair compensation; and

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25           WHEREAS, communities around the State should be encouraged  
26 to desire more large-scale renewable energy projects, and the  
27 provision of direct benefits to residents who host renewable  
28 energy projects can help stimulate community buy-in and  
29 investment; and

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31           WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission has the oversight  
32 of and authority to influence the rate structures of energy  
33 providers; now, therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second  
3 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2023,  
4 that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to revise  
5 current rate structures and provide additional benefits for  
6 those communities that host renewable energy projects; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Chair of the Public  
10 Utilities Commission, and Mayor of each county.

