
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHES INCENTIVES
FOR FIRM RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION.

1 WHEREAS, the achievement of the State's one hundred percent
2 Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2045 is highly reliant on firm
3 renewable energy generation; and

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5 WHEREAS, the State must continue to support utility-scale
6 renewable energy projects that benefit residents and ratepayers;
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9 WHEREAS, Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, established
10 the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit to
11 incentivize residential and commercial properties to install
12 renewable energy technology in an attempt to bring the State
13 closer to its one hundred percent Renewable Portfolio Standard
14 goal; and

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16 WHEREAS, it has been almost twenty years since the
17 establishment of the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax
18 Credit for solar energy systems; and

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20 WHEREAS, it is time to start investing in new and
21 innovative firm renewable sources of energy outside the scope of
22 solar energy; and

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24 WHEREAS, the State must provide certainty and clarity for
25 firm renewable generation projects to ensure their stability and
26 long-term financial viability; and

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28 WHEREAS, the State should provide firm renewable energy
29 technologies the same opportunities, in the form of incentives,
30 that are available for other renewable energy technologies; and

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1 WHEREAS, the successful migration to a one hundred percent
2 Renewable Portfolio Standard requires firm renewable energy
3 generation to provide grid stability; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of
8 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to
9 propose legislation that establishes incentives for firm
10 renewable electricity generation; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
13 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to consider
14 incentivizing interested parties to pursue firm renewable energy
15 projects for commercial development; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative proposals are
18 requested to incentivize commercial renewable energy developers
19 to bid and build firm renewable energy projects in the State;
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,
23 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its
24 proposed legislation to the Legislature sixty days prior to the
25 convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of
29 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Chief Energy
30 Officer.

