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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII' I CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION
COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGARDING THE
ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE
CHANGE.

1 WHEREAS, climate change is a serious danger which threatens
2 to have a significant impact on the State, the United States,
3 and the world; and

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5 WHEREAS, climate change is caused by the accumulation of
6 carbon within the atmosphere, which is substantially worsened by
7 the consumption of fossil fuels; and

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9 WHEREAS, many people recognize the threats posed by climate
10 change and wish to minimize their personal contribution to the
11 buildup of carbon in the atmosphere; and

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13 WHEREAS, though a single person's actions make only a small
14 difference in the matter of global warming, the total of actions
15 taken by many people makes a significant difference; and

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17 WHEREAS, it is not always intuitive or obvious which
18 actions a person or group of people can take to reduce their
19 carbon footprint; and

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21 WHEREAS, the executive director of Project Drawdown, a
22 nonprofit, non-partisan organization that advances effective,
23 science-based climate solutions and strategies; fosters bold,
24 new climate leadership; and promotes new narratives and new
25 voices to help the world stop climate change, has said that
26 there have been efforts from industry to mislead customers about
27 what is most effective at mitigating climate change; and

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29 WHEREAS, according to a Washington Post-University of
30 Maryland (Post-UMD) poll, fifty-nine percent of Americans
31 believe that recycling will have a lot or some impact on climate



1 change, while a study led by a University of Leeds researcher
2 found that the climate change impact of recycling is second-to-
3 last among more than fifty actions; and

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5 WHEREAS, according to the same Post-UMD poll, only twenty-
6 four percent of Americans believe that not eating meat will have
7 a lot or some impact on climate change, while Project Drawdown
8 estimates that three-quarters of people around the world
9 adopting a plant-rich diet by 2050 could avoid the release of
10 more than one hundred gigatons of emissions; and

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12 WHEREAS, according to the same Post-UMD poll, only thirty-
13 one percent of Americans believe that living in a smaller house
14 or apartment will have a lot or some impact on climate change,
15 while the director of Stanford University's Woods Institute for
16 the Environment, an interdisciplinary research lab that supports
17 environmental research, has stated that a home's carbon
18 footprint is often proportionate to its size; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
22 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawai'i Climate
23 Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission is requested to
24 conduct an educational program regarding the activities of
25 individuals that contribute to climate change; and

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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the educational program is
28 requested to:

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30 (1) Inform people of which personal activities, habits,
31 and lifestyle choices create the greatest contribution
32 to an individual's carbon footprint; and

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34 (2) Make use of printed fliers; and

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36 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Climate Change
37 Mitigation and Adaptation Commission is requested to coordinate
38 with the Department of Health in the implementation of the
39 educational program; and

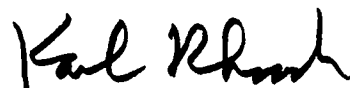
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the co-chairs and



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1 members of the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation
2 Commission.

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