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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND HAWAII STATE  
ENERGY OFFICE TO INCREASE THE STATE'S USAGE OF BIODIESEL  
AND TO FUND PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE  
BIODIESEL INDUSTRY.

1           WHEREAS, sustainable agriculture, food security, and energy  
2 security are critical priorities for the State; and

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4           WHEREAS, the coronavirus disease 2019 pandemic highlighted  
5 the need to diversify the State's economy and focus on local  
6 food and energy production; and

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8           WHEREAS, there is a global need to reduce petroleum  
9 dependence and greenhouse gas emissions, including the emissions  
10 produced by diesel engines; and

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12           WHEREAS, biodiesel, which is made from plant-based oils and  
13 animal fats, offers a safe and sustainable alternative to  
14 petroleum-based fuels; and

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16           WHEREAS, many crops can be used for biodiesel production,  
17 including pongamia trees, sunflowers, and safflower; and

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19           WHEREAS, byproducts from biodiesel production can be used  
20 as livestock feed and in the food, pharmaceutical, and cosmetic  
21 industries; and

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23           WHEREAS, a single biodiesel refinery is expected to create  
24 more than \$25,000,000 in revenue, \$1,000,000 in general excise  
25 tax revenue, and hundreds of jobs for the State's residents; and

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27           WHEREAS, the biodiesel industry's growth will also provide  
28 additional opportunities for agricultural research, further  
29 diversifying the State's economy and helping to grow the  
30 agricultural sector; and

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1 WHEREAS, the growth of crops for biodiesel fuels will help  
2 the State to reach its mandate of one hundred percent renewable  
3 energy by 2045; 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 Agriculture and Hawaii State Energy Office are encouraged to  
9 increase the State's usage of biodiesel and to fund programs  
10 that support the development of the biodiesel industry; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Lieutenant  
14 Governor; Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; and Director  
15 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.  
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OFFERED BY:

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