
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO
CONDUCT A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON REQUIRING RENOVATIONS TO
STATE BUILDINGS TO MEET LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND
ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN STANDARDS.

1 WHEREAS, Act 96, Session Laws of Hawaii 2006, introduced
2 the requirement that new state buildings and facilities be
3 constructed to meet the Leadership in Energy and Environmental
4 Design (LEED) silver or two green globes rating system or
5 another comparable, state-approved, nationally recognized,
6 consensus based guideline, standard, or system, which is
7 codified in section 196-9, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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9 WHEREAS, the new Student Life Center and the new Science
10 and Technology Building at the University of Hawaii at Hilo were
11 both constructed to meet LEED standards; and
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13 WHEREAS, because the State is not required by law to
14 incorporate LEED standards into the renovation of existing state
15 buildings and facilities, renovations to the Edwin H. Mookini
16 Library or the Performing Arts Center at the University of
17 Hawaii at Hilo do not meet LEED standards; and
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19 WHEREAS, the LEED program of the United States Green
20 Building Council is recognized as the nationally accepted
21 benchmark for the design, construction, and operation of high
22 performance green buildings; and
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24 WHEREAS, requiring state buildings to meet standards for
25 energy efficiency, in the long term, would reduce the State's
26 energy usage, greenhouse gas emissions, and energy costs borne
27 by taxpayers; now, therefore,
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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
31 Session of 2008, the Senate concurring, that the Department of



1 Accounting and General Services is requested to conduct a
 2 feasibility study on requiring renovations to existing state
 3 buildings and facilities to meet LEED standards or similar
 4 standards for energy efficiency and green building design; and
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Accounting
 7 and General Services is requested to submit to the Legislature a
 8 report of its findings and recommendations, including any
 9 necessary proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior
 10 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
 13 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller.
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