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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO DEVELOP PROPOSALS TO REDUCE GASOLINE PRICES IN HAWAII BY MAKING HAWAII'S ROADS AND PARKING MORE ENERGY EFFICIENT.

1 WHEREAS, the biggest environmental problem in Hawaii is  
2 that there are too many cars and no place to park them; and  
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's roadways cannot handle urban sprawl, and  
5 traffic gridlock threatens Hawaii's tourist-based economy; and  
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7 WHEREAS, bigger cars place additional stress on our parking  
8 infrastructure; the old charm of Hawaii is being replaced with  
9 traffic jams caused by oversized rent-a-cars in search of  
10 parking, and the result is fewer customers are able to access  
11 the local business community; and  
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13 WHEREAS, over time, heavier oversized rent-a-car fleets  
14 contribute to road wear and tear and to bridge failure; and  
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16 WHEREAS, energy inefficient roadways and traffic jams  
17 contribute to high gas prices; and  
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19 WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii are paying the highest  
20 gasoline prices in America; and  
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22 WHEREAS, the war in the Middle East has put the world's oil  
23 supply in danger and will continue to result in higher oil  
24 prices after the war is over; and  
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26 WHEREAS, Hawaii must be prepared to deal with reduced  
27 energy supplies; 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 Governor is



1 strongly urged to develop proposals to reduce gasoline prices in  
2 Hawaii by making Hawaii's roads and parking more energy  
3 efficient; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
6 develop proposals that would require rental companies, their  
7 partners or subsidiaries, chains, and corporate and franchise  
8 ownership arrangements that do business in Hawaii to offer  
9 energy efficient fleets that comply with a thirty-five miles per  
10 gallon highway corporate average fuel economy standard; and  
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
13 develop proposals that would establish a special fund into which  
14 surcharges levied against companies that cannot or choose not to  
15 comply with the thirty-five miles per gallon highway corporate  
16 average fuel economy standard would be deposited, and from which  
17 the expenses of transitioning Hawaii toward a self-sufficient,  
18 clean, renewable energy future would be paid; and  
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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
21 develop proposals on using the special fund to enhance Hawaii's  
22 emergency preparedness, such as, to finance fully independent  
23 and capable grid-connections with battery backup, integrated  
24 solar roofs, and other non-centralized renewable energy  
25 improvements for public buildings; and  
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
28 develop proposals that would authorize the special fund to  
29 provide rebates and tax incentives to make the costs of  
30 transitioning to renewable energy systems for home owners more  
31 affordable; and  
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
34 develop proposals to ensure that private businesses and electric  
35 utilities and their subsidiaries, subcontractors, and partnered  
36 contractors will not receive moneys from the special fund and  
37 will not be able to certify, approve, or design systems, or  
38 determine who gets rebates or incentives from the special fund;  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is urged to  
42 develop proposals to offer tax incentives or other incentives,  
43 such as free vehicle registrations, to rental companies that  
44 introduce hybrid fleets comprised of vehicles that exceed the



1 thirty-five miles per gallon highway corporate average fuel  
2 economy standard; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to  
5 submit findings and recommendations, regarding anticipated  
6 impacts of the proposals, including but not limited to the  
7 following:

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9 (1) Whether gasoline consumption in the State will be  
10 reduced by up to ten per cent;

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12 (2) Whether smaller cars are better for business because  
13 smaller cars make it possible for the existing road  
14 infrastructure to handle more customers;

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16 (3) Whether the proliferation of used hybrid cars will  
17 build a long-term solution to increasing gas prices;

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19 (4) Whether public safety will be served by preparing  
20 state and county governments for catastrophic  
21 disasters;

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23 (5) Whether various sectors of the local economy, such as  
24 taxi services, limousine services, personal tour guide  
25 services, tour van services, and bus companies, will  
26 be stimulated; and

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28 (6) Whether the proposals should exempt, at least for a  
29 five year transition period, small non-franchised,  
30 non-subsidiary, non-chain, solely Hawaii owned and  
31 operated rent-a-car companies that operate on only one  
32 island and rent cut rate or used cars; and

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
35 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; the  
36 Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the  
37 Director of Transportation; and the Director of Taxation.

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