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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND
TOURISM TO STUDY THE FEASIBILITY OF AND NEED FOR THE
ESTABLISHMENT OF A GREEN ENERGY COORDINATOR OFFICE.

1 WHEREAS, there are numerous public and private agencies
2 involved in various aspects of achieving energy self-sufficiency
3 in the State; and
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5 WHEREAS, the planning and implementation of a statewide
6 integrated strategy to guide and facilitate cooperation between
7 the private sector and government will require coordination at
8 the highest level to promote the effective management of
9 financial and natural resources for the transition of Hawaii to
10 energy self-sufficiency; and
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12 WHEREAS, the State Energy Functional Plan establishes as
13 objectives of the State:
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15 (1) Improvement of statewide energy planning and program
16 implementation capabilities; and
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18 (2) Acceleration of the transition to an indigenous
19 renewable energy economy by facilitating private
20 sector activities to explore supply options and to
21 achieve local commercialization and application of
22 appropriate alternate energy technologies; and
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24 WHEREAS, section 196-3, Hawaii Revised Statutes, designates
25 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism as
26 the state energy resources coordinator, and chapter 196, Hawaii
27 Revised Statutes, recognizes the need for strategic
28 comprehensive planning in the effort towards achieving full
29 utilization of Hawaii's energy resource programs and the most
30 effective allocation of energy resources throughout the State;
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WHEREAS, the coordination of statewide energy planning efforts for energy self-sufficiency in Hawaii, the determination of priority of state, county, and other programs, and effective program implementation depends on the establishment of strong leadership and an organization with the authority to execute those priorities and programs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2008, the House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to conduct a study on the feasibility and need to establish an office to coordinate and promote the development of indigenous energy resources, biofuels, and transition to a renewable energy economy, including the feasibility of establishing a Department of Green Energy as an executive department; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

OFFERED BY: *S. S. T. Z.*

