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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF ACCOUNTING AND GENERAL SERVICES TO  
PROMOTE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE UTILITY COSTS BY  
REDUCING AIR CONDITIONING USAGE AT THE STATE CAPITOL.

1           WHEREAS, almost 90 percent of Hawaii's energy needs are  
2 provided by petroleum, resulting in Hawaii being the most oil  
3 dependent state in the nation; and

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5           WHEREAS, Hawaii's energy costs amount to about 11 percent  
6 of this state's Gross Domestic Product, while in other states,  
7 the energy costs are around 4 percent of their Gross Domestic  
8 Product; and

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10          WHEREAS, the people of Hawaii pay the highest electricity  
11 prices in the nation, and its gasoline costs are among the  
12 highest in the county; and

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14          WHEREAS, between 2005 and 2008, state government  
15 consumption of electricity increased 3.9 percent, but  
16 expenditures increased 56.8 percent; and

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18          WHEREAS, more than 96 percent of petroleum in Hawaii come  
19 from foreign sources and means this state must reduce its usage  
20 of oil in order to become energy independent; and

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22          WHEREAS, in 2008, the State launched the Hawaii Clean  
23 Energy Initiative to reduce Hawaii's dependence on imported  
24 fossil fuels and bring energy price stability to Hawaii's  
25 consumers by ensuring that 70% of Hawaii energy needs will be  
26 met through renewable energy sources by 2030; and

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28          WHEREAS, the stakeholders and participants of the Hawaii  
29 Clean Energy Initiative identified energy efficiency as a  
30 critical components of its objective, estimating that 30% of



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1 Hawaii's energy need can be achieve through energy efficiency by  
2 2030; and

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4 WHEREAS, energy efficiency can help create savings in  
5 utility bills that will contribute to relieving the State's \$1.8  
6 billion shortfall for the fiscal biennium; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's state capitol is a model of inefficiency  
9 with an electrical consumption of 5.8 million kilowatt-hours at  
10 a cost to the state of \$1.5 million for the year 2008; and

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12 WHEREAS, over the years, a number of complaints have been  
13 registered about the cold temperatures in the state Capitol  
14 building due to high usage of air conditioning; and

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16 WHEREAS; a reduction of air conditioning usage at the state  
17 capitol will promote efficiency and reduce utility costs,  
18 resulting in a savings to the State; now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
22 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the Department of  
23 Accounting and General Service is requested to promote  
24 efficiency and reduce utility costs through lowering the State  
25 Capitol's air conditioning temperature; and



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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Comptroller of the  
29 State of Hawaii.

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