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SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO WORK WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF LAND AND NATURAL RESOURCES TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT GEOTHERMAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ON PUBLIC TRUST LAND ON THE ISLANDS OF MAUI AND HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's economic depression can be attributed to,
2 among other issues, continued declines in tourism and employment
3 and record high oil prices; and

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5 WHEREAS, Hawaii's unique environment offers many untapped
6 resources for future sustainable revenue to fund necessary state
7 programs; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Island of Hawaii's geothermal resources
10 produce approximately thirty-one percent of the State's
11 renewable energy; however, the full potential of geothermal
12 resources remains largely untapped; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Island of Maui is made up of two independent
15 volcanic systems, and surveys indicate six locations with a
16 potential for geothermal resources; and

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18 WHEREAS, geothermal energy is efficient and stable and has
19 long-term viability to help Hawaii meet its 2030 energy goals,
20 reduce its contribution to global warming, and create a
21 sustainable energy market; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Public Land Development Corporation was
24 created to develop and implement public land optimization
25 projects where appropriate public land may be developed or
26 managed to create revenue-generating centers or where
27 opportunities exist to exploit potential local, national, and
28 international markets; and

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30 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5(f) of the Admission Act,
31 proceeds from the sale or other disposition of public trust
32 lands are to be held by the State in trust for the support of
33 public schools and other public educational institutions, for
34 the betterment of Native Hawaiians, for the development of farm



1 and home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible for the
2 making of public improvements, and for providing lands for
3 public use; now, therefore,

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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,
7 that the Public Land Development Corporation is urged to work
8 with the Department of Land and Natural Resources to develop and
9 implement geothermal projects on the Islands of Hawaii and Maui;
10 and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Land Development
13 Corporation is urged to identify public trust lands on the
14 Islands of Hawaii and Maui with a potential for geothermal
15 resources; and

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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Land Development
18 Corporation is requested to submit its written findings and
19 policy recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty
20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director of the Board
24 of the Public Land Development Corporation, Chairperson of the
25 Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Mayors of the
26 Counties of Hawaii and Maui.

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29 OFFERED BY: 




