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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A TASK FORCE TO STUDY AND MAKE  
RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE CREATION OF A CLEAN ENERGY  
BOND LOAN PROGRAM.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the use of solar power  
2 and other forms of renewable energy and the increase of energy  
3 efficiency are admirable goals which may result in reduced  
4 utility expenses for residential and commercial property owners;  
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7           WHEREAS, the Legislature also finds that the initial  
8 capital investment required by property owners to install  
9 renewable energy systems and energy efficiency improvements on  
10 residential and commercial properties is a significant barrier  
11 to reaching the State's clean energy targets; and

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13           WHEREAS, employing innovative financing to remove known  
14 barriers and stimulate enterprise in the clean energy sector is  
15 helpful to the public; and

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17           WHEREAS, assisting renewable energy projects can provide  
18 increased career opportunities for Hawaii residents, attract  
19 funding and investment into the State, and produce long-term  
20 energy, environmental, and economic benefits; and

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22           WHEREAS, jurisdictions outside of Hawaii have enabled  
23 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) programs or similar  
24 programs; and

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26           WHEREAS, under PACE programs and similar programs, property  
27 owners obtain low-interest loans to cover the upfront costs of  
28 increasing energy efficiency and installing renewable energy  
29 systems, while repayment of such loans occurs over a period of  
30 years through increased property tax assessments; now,  
31 therefore,



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2 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
3 Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
4 of 2012, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business,  
5 Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Department of Budget  
6 and Finance are requested to establish a Task Force to study and  
7 make recommendations regarding the creation of a Clean Energy  
8 Bond Loan Program similar to PACE programs, to be administered  
9 by the Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
10 Tourism; and

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, more specifically, the Task  
13 Force is requested to consider:

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15 (1) The feasibility of the creation of a Hawaii Clean  
16 Energy Bond Loan Revolving Fund, which would be comprised of  
17 proceeds from the issuance of revenue bonds, repayments of  
18 applicable loans, and other moneys;

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20 (2) The use of such funds to make loans to residential and  
21 commercial property owners for energy efficiency improvements  
22 and renewable energy systems;

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24 (3) The types of energy efficiency improvements and  
25 renewable energy systems that should qualify for loans under the  
26 program;

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28 (4) The process for determining eligibility for a loan;

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30 (5) Appropriate rates, charges and repayment terms for the  
31 operation of the program;

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33 (6) The mechanism by which the Department of Business,  
34 Economic Development, and Tourism would coordinate the operation  
35 of the program with the counties for the repayment of loans  
36 through increased property tax assessments;

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38 (7) Whether a lien placed on a property pursuant to this  
39 program should be subordinate to all mortgages, in order to  
40 allay concerns about such liens taking priority over mortgages;

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42 (8) Whether the program should be temporary or permanent;

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1 (9) Whether the administration of the Clean Energy Bond  
2 Loan Program should be consolidated with the administration of  
3 existing loan programs of the Department of Business, Economic  
4 Development, and Tourism, such as the Hawaii Capital Loan  
5 Program and the Capital Access Program;

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7 (10) Any other relevant factors; and  
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force Membership is  
10 requested to include at least the following:  
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12 (1) The Director of the Department of Business, Economic  
13 Development, and Tourism or that director's designee;  
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15 (2) The Director of Finance or that director's designee;  
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17 (3) The Director of the Department of Commerce and  
18 Consumer Affairs or that director's designee;  
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20 (4) The Administrator of the Hawaii State Energy Office,  
21 Department of Business, Economic Development, and  
22 Tourism, or that administrator's designee;  
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24 (5) One individual representing the City and County of  
25 Honolulu;  
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27 (6) One individual representing the County of Maui;  
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29 (7) One individual representing the County of Hawaii;  
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31 (8) One individual representing the County of Kauai;  
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33 (9) One individual representing Blue Planet Foundation;  
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35 (10) One individual representing Hawaii Solar Energy  
36 Association;  
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38 (11) One individual representing U.S. Green Building  
39 Council (USGBC), Hawaii Chapter; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force members are  
42 requested to serve on a voluntary basis and to assume  
43 responsibility for any costs associated with their participation  
44 on the Task Force; and



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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, and the Department of Budget and Finance are requested to submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013, containing the study and recommendations of the Task Force, including any proposed legislation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Director of Finance; the Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs; the Administrator of the Hawaii State Energy Office, Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; the Mayors of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii; the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu; Blue Planet Foundation; Hawaii Solar Energy Association; and U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Hawaii Chapter.

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