
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC LAND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION TO IDENTIFY
PUBLIC TRUST LAND ON THE ISLANDS OF HAWAII AND MAUI WITH
GEOTHERMAL RESOURCES THAT MAY BE DEVELOPED AND 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 HAWAII AND MAUI.

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 the Island's
12 geothermal 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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1 WHEREAS, pursuant to section 5(f) of the Admission Act,
2 proceeds from the sale or other disposition of public trust
3 lands are to be held by the State in trust for the support of
4 public schools and other public educational institutions, for
5 the betterment of native Hawaiians, for the development of farm
6 and home ownership on as widespread a basis as possible for the
7 making of public improvements, and for providing lands for
8 public use; now, therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that the Public Land
13 Development Corporation is urged to identify public trust land
14 on the Islands of Hawaii and Maui with geothermal resources that
15 may be developed; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Land Development
18 Corporation is urged to work with the Department of Land and
19 Natural Resources to develop and implement geothermal projects
20 on the Islands of Hawaii and Maui; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Land Development
23 Corporation is requested to submit its written findings and
24 policy recommendations to the Legislature no later than twenty
25 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and
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27 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
28 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Executive Director
29 of the Public Land Development Corporation, Chairperson of the
30 Board of Land and Natural Resources, and the Mayors of the
31 Counties of Hawaii and Maui.

