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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE BUILDING CODE COUNCIL TO APPOINT AN INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW AND RECOMMEND GREEN, SUSTAINABLE, AND WATER EFFICIENCY CODE PROVISIONS FOR ADOPTION INTO THE STATE BUILDING CODE.

1 WHEREAS, this body finds and declares that safeguarding the
2 environment, public health, safety, and general welfare through
3 the establishment of building and construction requirements
4 related to sustainability is necessary; and
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6 WHEREAS, sustainable building and construction requirements
7 reduce the negative potential impacts and increase the positive
8 potential impacts of the built environment on the natural
9 environment and building occupants; and
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11 WHEREAS, a uniform set of statewide regulations governing
12 water efficiency, reclamation, and reuse, applicable to new
13 commercial construction, would make it possible to achieve
14 efficiencies of twenty to forty percent above current national
15 standards by using new technologies and design methodologies
16 that are currently available; and
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18 WHEREAS, ensuring that adequate water resources are
19 available to support Hawaii's natural beauty, a healthy ecology,
20 and urban growth for the benefit of Hawaii's present and future
21 generations is of serious concern to the State and its citizens;
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24 WHEREAS, it is desirable to reduce the State's dependence
25 on imported oil, and to encourage the development of alternate
26 energy resources and the conservation and efficient use of
27 energy; and
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29 WHEREAS, the health, safety, sustainability, and water
30 efficiency considerations related to building codes are of
31 statewide interest; now, therefore,
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33 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-sixth
34 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012,



1 that the State Building Code Council is requested to appoint an
2 investigative committee to review and recommend for adoption by
3 the State Building Code Council, green, sustainable, and water
4 efficiency code provisions based on the latest edition of the
5 International Green Construction Code and the latest edition of
6 the International Green Construction Code Water Efficiency
7 Provisions, as published by the International Code Council; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investigative committee
10 membership is requested to include but not be limited to:
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- 12 (1) Two representatives from the permitting departments of
13 each county for the counties of Hawaii, Honolulu,
14 Kauai, and Maui; and
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- 16 (2) A representative of each of the following
17 organizations with credentials, such as Leadership in
18 Energy and Environmental Design-Accredited
19 Professional (LEED-AP), in the design, construction,
20 commissioning, or procurement of green and sustainable
21 construction or water use efficiency provisions:
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- 23 (A) Building Industry Association of Hawaii;
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 - 25 (B) General Contractors Association of Hawaii;
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 - 27 (C) The American Institute of Architects Hawaii State
28 Council;
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 - 30 (D) U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC), Hawaii
31 Chapter;
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 - 33 (E) Hawaii Solar Energy Association;
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 - 35 (F) American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and
36 Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), Hawaii
37 Chapter;
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 - 39 (G) Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii; and
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 - 41 (H) Hawaii Water Environment Association; and
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43 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the investigative committee
44 members are requested to serve on a voluntarily basis and to



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1 assume responsibility for any costs associated with their
2 participation on the investigative committee; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Resolution be transmitted to the State Building Code Council;
6 the mayors of the counties of Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii; the mayor
7 of the City and County of Honolulu; the Building Industry
8 Association of Hawaii; the General Contractors Association of
9 Hawaii; The American Institute of Architects Hawaii State
10 Council; USGBC, Hawaii Chapter; Hawaii Solar Energy Association;
11 ASHRAE, Hawaii Chapter; Landscape Industry Council of Hawaii;
12 and the Hawaii Water Environment Association.

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