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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE TO ESTABLISH A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS STRATEGIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND EXPANSION OF GEOTHERMAL ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY.

1 WHEREAS, there is growing concern about the rising cost of
2 energy in Hawaii; and
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4 WHEREAS, Hawaii's natural resources, such as geothermal
5 energy, help reduce the State's dependence on imported oil for
6 its energy needs and make the State more self-sufficient; and
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8 WHEREAS, geothermal energy in Hawaii has proven to be a
9 reliable, inexhaustible energy source that is nearly emission-
10 free; and
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12 WHEREAS, geothermal energy in Hawaii offers tremendous
13 potential for growth and expansion; and
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15 WHEREAS, the State needs a sound, comprehensive strategy to
16 ensure that geothermal energy is developed in an economically
17 feasible manner that still protects public health, the
18 environment, and cultural rights; and
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20 WHEREAS, a working group is necessary to discuss strategies
21 for the development and expansion of geothermal energy and
22 technology, including geothermal energy and technology
23 development on the island of Hawaii and the development of a
24 geothermal energy and technology park; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
27 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013,
28 that the President of the Senate is requested to establish a
29 Geothermal Energy and Technology Working Group to discuss
30 strategies for the development and expansion of geothermal
31 energy and technology in Hawaii, including but not limited to
32 geothermal energy and technology development on the island of
33 Hawaii and the development of a geothermal energy and technology
34 park; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geothermal Energy and
2 Technology Working Group be composed of the following members:

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- 4 (1) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
5 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 7 (2) The Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the High
8 Technology Development Corporation, or the
9 Chairperson's designee;
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- 11 (3) The Mayor of the County of Hawaii, or the Mayor's
12 designee;
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- 14 (4) The Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council, or the
15 Chairperson's designee;
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- 17 (5) A native Hawaiian cultural expert to be selected by
18 the Mayor of the County of Hawaii;
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- 20 (6) A private sector business member to be selected by the
21 Mayor of the County of Hawaii; and
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- 23 (7) A community member of the County of Hawaii to be
24 selected by the Mayor of the County of Hawaii; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Senate
27 select a member of the Geothermal Energy and Technology Working
28 Group to serve as its Chairperson; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Geothermal Energy and
31 Technology Working Group is requested to submit a report of its
32 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
33 legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior
34 to the convening of the Regular Session of 2014 and cease to
35 exist on June 30, 2014; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
38 Resolution be transmitted to the President of the Senate;
39 Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;
40 Chairperson of the Board of Directors of the High Technology
41 Development Corporation; Mayor of the County of Hawaii;

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1 Chairperson of the Hawaii County Council; and Director of
2 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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