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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON HOW TO INCORPORATE  
RENEWABLE FUELS INTO THE HAWAII CLEAN ENERGY INITIATIVE.

1           WHEREAS, eighty percent of Hawaii's energy comes from  
2 imported fuel, and fossil fuels are particularly damaging to the  
3 environment; and

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5           WHEREAS, the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative, launched in  
6 2008, is a partnership between the State and the United States  
7 Department of Energy that brings together business leaders,  
8 policy makers, and concerned citizens committed to leading  
9 Hawaii to energy independence; and

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11           WHEREAS, in 2008, Hawaii had a renewable portfolio standard  
12 of 9.4 percent, which has increased substantially since then,  
13 but is still a long way off from the goal of a one hundred  
14 percent renewable portfolio standard by 2045; and

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16           WHEREAS, petroleum use in the State's transportation sector  
17 accounts for two-thirds of the State's overall energy usage; and

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19           WHEREAS, hydrocarbons are the most energy-dense way to  
20 store and transport energy, meaning renewable hydrocarbons like  
21 biofuels, which are derived from crops that can be harvested and  
22 regrown annually, will be a critical component of achieving the  
23 Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's goal of one hundred percent  
24 renewable energy by 2045; and

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26           WHEREAS, one-third of the State's petroleum usage is by the  
27 commercial aviation sector, meaning the development of biojet  
28 fuel technologies is an important aspect to establishing and  
29 maintaining a robust biofuel portfolio in Hawaii; and

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31           WHEREAS, biofuel is produced as part of an integrated food,  
32 fuel, energy, and recycling system; and



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 2 WHEREAS, environmental concerns about wastewater, trash,  
 3 and agricultural waste can be assuaged with the development and  
 4 advancement of biofuel technology, as these types of waste are  
 5 critical biofuel feedstock opportunities; and  
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7 WHEREAS, reliable biofuel energy available on demand helps  
 8 support other renewable energy sources like wind and solar  
 9 energy, when there is no wind or sun; and  
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11 WHEREAS, Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016, established  
 12 a renewable fuels production credit to encourage the production  
 13 of renewable fuels; now, therefore,  
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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth  
 16 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the  
 17 House of Representatives concurring, that the Department of  
 18 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to  
 19 evaluate how renewable fuels can play a role in achieving the  
 20 Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative's goal of one hundred percent  
 21 renewable energy by 2045; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business,  
 24 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit a  
 25 report of its findings and recommendations, including any  
 26 proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later than twenty  
 27 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2019; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 30 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
 31 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Executive  
 32 Management Team of the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative; and  
 33 Chairperson of the Advisory Board of the Hawaii Clean Energy  
 34 Initiative.  
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