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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE LEGISLATURE TO CONVENE A WORKING GROUP TO DISCUSS  
THE ECONOMIC GROWTH POTENTIAL OF INVESTING IN GREEN  
INDUSTRY INITIATIVES.

1           WHEREAS, a 2017 study published in the Journal of Coastal  
2 Conservation found that at least eight islands in the Pacific  
3 Ocean have disappeared due to "uncommonly rapid sea-level rise";  
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6           WHEREAS, greenhouse gas emissions must be dramatically  
7 reduced by almost half by 2030 to avoid the catastrophic effects  
8 of climate change; and

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10          WHEREAS, economic analyses have shown that in the near  
11 term, increases in infrastructure spending would significantly  
12 boost economic activity and employment and have the potential to  
13 increase public and private sector productivity growth in the  
14 long term; and

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16          WHEREAS, from 1933 to 1939, President Franklin D. Roosevelt  
17 launched an economic policy that included massive investments in  
18 public infrastructure and specific industries that transformed  
19 the economy; these projects successfully brought the economy out  
20 of the Great Depression while simultaneously providing much-  
21 needed advances in rural electrification, the federal highway  
22 system, hydrologic dam systems, space exploration, and nuclear  
23 energy; and

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25          WHEREAS, Green Industry Initiative, as defined by the  
26 United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO),  
27 creates awareness, knowledge, and capacities, and the UNIDO  
28 works with governments to support industrial institutions that  
29 in turn provide assistance to enterprises and entrepreneurs in  
30 all aspects relating to the greening of the industry; and



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1           WHEREAS, the implementation of a carbon tax, waste  
2 management, infrastructure efficiency upgrades, and other items  
3 that arise because of climate change will require thorough  
4 investigation and analysis before becoming law; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the implementation of climate change solutions  
7 will simultaneously boost the local economy and make Hawai'i a  
8 global leader in sustainability; and  
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10           WHEREAS, delaying action to mitigate the effects of climate  
11 change will only transfer the costs to vulnerable populations,  
12 state budgets, and businesses; now, therefore,  
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14           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
15 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of  
16 2019, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature is requested  
17 to convene a working group to discuss the economic growth  
18 potential of investing in Green Industry Initiatives, including  
19 discussing solutions to climate change for Hawai'i; and  
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21           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
22 to include:  
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- 24           (1) The Governor, or the Governor's designee;  
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- 26           (2) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
27 Agriculture and Environment, or the Chairperson's  
28 designee;  
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- 30           (3) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives  
31 Standing Committee on Energy & Environmental  
32 Protection, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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- 34           (4) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
35 Labor, Culture and the Arts, or the Chairperson's  
36 designee;  
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- 38           (5) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives  
39 Standing Committee on Labor & Public Employment, or  
40 the Chairperson's designee;



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- 1           (6) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
2           Ways and Means, or the Chairperson's designee;  
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- 4           (7) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives  
5           Standing Committee on Finance, or the Chairperson's  
6           designee;  
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- 8           (8) The Chairperson of the Senate Standing Committee on  
9           Commerce, Consumer Protection, and Health, or the  
10          Chairperson's designee;  
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- 12          (9) The Chairperson of the House of Representatives  
13          Standing Committee on Health, or the Chairperson's  
14          designee;  
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- 16          (10) A representative of the Department of Labor and  
17          Industrial Relations, to be selected by the Director  
18          of Labor and Industrial Relations;  
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- 20          (11) A representative of the Department of Business,  
21          Economic Development, and Tourism, to be selected by  
22          the Director of Business, Economic Development, and  
23          Tourism;  
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- 25          (12) A representative of the Department of Health, to be  
26          selected by the Director of Health;  
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- 28          (13) A representative of the Department of Land and Natural  
29          Resources, to be selected by the Chairperson of the  
30          Board of Land and Natural Resources;  
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- 32          (14) A representative of the Department of Taxation, to be  
33          selected by the Director of Taxation;  
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- 35          (15) A representative of the Hawaii State AFL-CIO; and  
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- 37          (16) A representative of Hui Ku Maoli Ola; and  
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39           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
40 to address the following:



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- 1           (1) Implementation of a carbon tax and any additional  
2           sources of funding towards statewide sustainability  
3           measures;
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- 5           (2) Comprehensive waste management, including local  
6           municipal recycling facilities and the development of  
7           state-run recycling facilities for glass, plastic, and  
8           other waste products;
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- 10          (3) Efficiency upgrades for infrastructure and public  
11          buildings, including:
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  - 13           (A) Burying power lines when they need to be  
14           replaced;
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  - 16           (B) Upgrading to net zero energy buildings; and
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  - 18           (C) Upgrading municipal water and sewer lines;
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- 20          (4) Planning for managed retreat from inundation zones and  
21          vulnerable coastal areas;
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- 23          (5) Expanding sustainable farming and soil practices in  
24          thirty percent of agricultural land by 2030 and  
25          seventy percent of agricultural land by 2050;
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- 27          (6) Developing job training for workforce transition to  
28          green jobs;
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- 30          (7) Developing models for community-controlled and  
31          community-owned renewable energy generation with  
32          justice-based transitions that make sure no worker is  
33          left behind, similar to the Kauai Co-op model;
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- 35          (8) Upgrading vehicles, including a transition to electric  
36          vehicles and renewable transit by 2030, and building  
37          electrical vehicle charging stations;
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- 39          (9) Restoration of forests and wetlands and cleanup of all  
40          brownfields and hazardous sites; and



1 (10) Any other effects of climate change that the working  
2 group deems necessary to examine; and  
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
5 to convene no later than July 1, 2019, and to hold monthly  
6 meetings thereafter; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
9 to submit a report of its findings and recommendations,  
10 including any proposed legislation, to the Legislature no later  
11 than January 1, 2020; and  
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
14 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the  
15 Director of Labor and Industrial Relations, the Director of  
16 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, the Director of  
17 Health, the Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
18 Resources, the Director of Taxation, the President of the Hawaii  
19 State AFL-CIO, and Hui Ku Maoli Ola.  
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