
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE STATE TO OBSERVE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME.

1 WHEREAS, the main purpose of Daylight Saving Time is to
2 make better use of daylight by creating longer summer evenings;
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5 WHEREAS, historically, Daylight Saving Time was conceived
6 as a means to reduce the use of fuel for lighting, especially in
7 times where the use of fuel was necessary for other pressing
8 matters, such as during World War I and World War II; and
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10 WHEREAS, studies conducted by the U.S. Department of
11 Transportation show that Daylight Savings Time reduces the
12 entire country's electricity usage by a small, but significant,
13 amount due to less demand for lighting and appliances during the
14 longer daylight hours; and
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16 WHEREAS, the new federal law coming into effect this year
17 would push the end of Daylight Savings Time to the first Sunday
18 in November; and
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20 WHEREAS, observing Daylight Saving Time under the new
21 federal law would provide some interesting benefits, including:
22 providing young trick or treaters with more light, and
23 therefore, more safety from traffic accidents on Halloween; the
24 possibility of increased voter turnout in future general
25 elections as in some future years, the end of Daylight Saving
26 Time will fall after the election day; less violent crime, as a
27 study by the U.S. Law Enforcement Assistance Administration
28 found that crime rates were consistently lower during periods of
29 Daylight Saving Time by as much as ten to thirteen percent; and
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31 WHEREAS, perhaps the most important reason for observing
32 Daylight Saving Time, but admittedly the hardest to measure, is
33 the potential for working parents to be able to spend more time



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1 with their children after work as opposed to missing out on
2 raising their children due to work schedules; now, therefore,
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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
6 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Legislature
7 requests the Legislative Reference Bureau to study the viability
8 of the state observing Daylight Saving Time; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Reference
11 Bureau is requested to report the results of the study and
12 suggested legislation, if any, to the Legislature no later than
13 twenty days prior to the opening of the 2008 Regular Session;
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
17 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Legislative
18 Reference Bureau.
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OFFERED BY:



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