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## HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING ACKNOWLEDGEMENT AND SUPPORT FOR THE "SUSTAINABLE SAUNDERS" PROJECT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HAWAII - MANOA THAT SEEKS TO DEVELOP SAUNDERS HALL AS A MODEL FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY.

1           WHEREAS, renewable energy, energy conservation, and  
2 recycling are words to live by as we embark into the 21<sup>st</sup>  
3 century; and  
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5           WHEREAS, Chancellor Denise Eby Conan's tenure as the  
6 Chancellor of the University of Hawaii at Manoa campus has been  
7 marked by her interest and passion for sustainability and  
8 renewable energy sources, and will be her legacy; and  
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10           WHEREAS, Saunders Hall, home to a dozen social science  
11 departments of the College Social Sciences, classrooms and staff  
12 offices is a 7 story, aging, energy-inefficient building; and  
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14           WHEREAS, students, individual faculty from many  
15 disciplines, leaders in the School of Social Science, and the  
16 Office of the Chancellor, envision Saunders Hall as an  
17 opportunity to demonstrate how to improve the energy usage and  
18 resource efficiency of an old building and to convert it into a  
19 model of a modern, technologically-smart green building; and  
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21           WHEREAS, 2006-2007 Legislators in Residence, Sen. Suzanne  
22 Chun-Oakland and Rep. Barbara Marumoto, have encouraged and  
23 supported the development of this conversion model for  
24 sustainability; and  
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26           WHEREAS, the most enthusiastic participants are the  
27 students who call themselves "HUB" (Help US Bridge) and who are  
28 already helping to measure, reduce and reuse the waste stream,  
29 conducting recycling campaigns, encouraging Saunders occupants



1 to conserve energy and water and initiating a communication and  
2 educational campaign to make this project a reality; and  
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4 WHEREAS, "HUB" is organizing events for Earth Day, April  
5 20, that will feature expert speakers, demonstrations of  
6 renewable and alternate energy, and an interactive forum to  
7 discuss exciting ways to save the planet - all that may be  
8 accessed on the website, <http://sustainable Saunders.pbwiki.com>.  
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10 WHEREAS, the faculty/student group and the Legislators In  
11 Residence are requesting legislative funding totaling \$1.7  
12 million for energy conserving upgrades to the air conditioning  
13 and electrical systems, a green roof and a solar energy platform  
14 that would significantly reduce electricity use as well as water  
15 efficient bathroom upgrades; and  
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17 WHEREAS, the cost of this energy efficiency will be offset  
18 by savings in future years; now, therefore,  
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20 BE IT RESOLVED that the House of Representatives of the  
21 Twenty-fourth Legislature, Regular Session of 2007, the Senate  
22 concurring, that the Chair of the Manoa Sustainability Council,  
23 the student leaders of Help Us Bridge, the Dean of the School of  
24 Social Science, and the Social Science Public Policy Center, be  
25 recognized and supported for their vision to convert Saunders  
26 Hall into an energy-efficient, sustainable, green building that  
27 will serve as a model for similar buildings on campus and in the  
28 State; and  
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
31 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Board of Regents of  
32 the University of Hawaii, the President of the University of  
33 Hawaii, Chancellor Denise Eby Conan, the Dean of the College of  
34 Social Sciences at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, and Help  
35 US Bridge.  
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