
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM
TO PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE CLEAN AIR PLAN.

1 WHEREAS, a major cause of global warming is said to be
2 caused by energy reflected from the earth's surface and absorbed
3 and trapped by carbon dioxide emissions produced by burning
4 fossil fuels; and

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6 WHEREAS, global warming is believed to significantly alter
7 global weather patterns and cause potentially catastrophic
8 effects on coastal areas; and

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10 WHEREAS, Hawaii would be directly affected by the worsening
11 of global warming, if it results in rising sea levels, changes
12 in the frequency and strength of storms, climate variability,
13 and loss of biodiversity, as anticipated; and

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15 WHEREAS, to reduce the potential for the adverse effects of
16 global warming, the Legislature adopted House Concurrent
17 Resolution No. 305 (2006) supporting the provisions of the Kyoto
18 Protocol, which sets seven percent of 1990 levels as the
19 reduction goal for the United States, and which the United
20 States failed to join; and

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22 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii realizes its place, potential,
23 and effect in the global environment; and

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25 WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii now seeks to take a more
26 active role in reducing its statewide greenhouse gas emissions
27 which ultimately contribute to the global atmosphere; now,
28 therefore,



1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
3 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the "Inventory of
4 Hawaii Greenhouse Gas Emissions Estimates for 1990" prepared by
5 the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism,
6 and the Department of Health in July 1997, is hereby adopted as
7 the estimated statewide greenhouse gas emissions estimates for
8 1990; and
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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Health, with
11 the assistance of the Department of Business, Economic
12 Development, and Tourism, is requested to prepare a Hawaii
13 Comprehensive Clean Air Plan; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Comprehensive Clean
16 Air Plan present statewide measures to reduce the statewide
17 greenhouse gas emissions to seven percent below the estimated
18 greenhouse gas emissions for 1990, the level called for in the
19 Kyoto Protocol for the United States; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in preparing the Hawaii
22 Comprehensive Clean Air Plan, the Department of Health and the
23 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism
24 consider the suitability of implementing measures adopted in
25 other states to meet reduction goals in Hawaii, taking into
26 consideration the geographic, economic, cultural, and other
27 unique characteristics of our state; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Comprehensive Clean
30 Air Plan include proposed legislation necessary to implement the
31 plan; and
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33 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Comprehensive Clean
34 Air Plan ultimately strive to make the greenhouse gas emissions
35 level of the state of Hawaii the lowest per capita amount in the
36 nation; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaii Comprehensive Clean
39 Air Plan shall be submitted to the Legislature no later than 20
40 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2009; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Department of Health
3 and the Department of Business, Economic Development, and
4 Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:

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