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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND  
TOURISM TO DRAFT PROPOSED LEGISLATION TO CREATE AN OFFICE  
OF ENERGY.

1           WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that the global demand for  
2 petroleum and its derivatives has caused severe economic  
3 hardships throughout the State and threatens to impair the  
4 public health, safety, and welfare; and  
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6           WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, with its dependence on  
7 imported fossil fuel, is particularly vulnerable to dislocations  
8 in the global energy market; and  
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10          WHEREAS, there is a need for strategic comprehensive  
11 planning in the effort towards achieving full utilization of  
12 Hawaii's energy resource programs and the most effective  
13 allocation of energy resources throughout the State; and  
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15          WHEREAS, planning is necessary in order that the State may  
16 recognize and address the major problems and opportunities in  
17 the field of energy resources and will identify present  
18 conditions and major problems relating to energy resources; and  
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20          WHEREAS, there are many agencies of the federal, state, and  
21 county governments in Hawaii, as well as many private agencies,  
22 engaged in, or expressing an interest in various aspects of the  
23 exploration, research, distribution, conservation, and  
24 production of all forms of energy resources in Hawaii; and  
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26          WHEREAS, there is an immediate need to coordinate the  
27 efforts of all these agencies to establish and coordinate  
28 programs so that there will be maximum conservation and  
29 utilization of energy resources in the State; now, therefore,  
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31          BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the



1 House of Representatives concurring, that proposed legislation  
2 be prepared by the Director of Business, Economic Development,  
3 and Tourism to establish an Office of Energy within the  
4 Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; and  
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6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
7 include provisions that the Office of Energy be established to  
8 assist the Governor and the Director of Business, Economic  
9 Development, and Tourism in maintaining an overall framework to  
10 guide the development of the State through a continuous process  
11 of comprehensive, long-range, and strategic planning to meet the  
12 needs of Hawaii's people, and provide for the wise use of  
13 Hawaii's resources in a coordinated, efficient, and economical  
14 manner; and  
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16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
17 include provisions that the head of the Energy Office possess  
18 the following experience:  
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- 20 (1) Training in the field of energy resources, public  
21 administration, or other related fields;  
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- 23 (2) Experience in programs or services related to energy  
24 resources and resource coordination; and  
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- 26 (3) Experience in a supervisory, consultative, or  
27 administrative capacity; and  
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
30 include the following language requiring that the head of the  
31 Office of Energy:  
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- 33 (1) Be nominated by the Governor and, with the advice and  
34 consent of the Senate, appointed by the Governor;  
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- 36 (2) Be compensated at a salary level set by the Governor;  
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- 38 (3) Hold office for a term to expire at the end of the  
39 term for which the Governor who appointed the Office  
40 of Energy head was elected;  
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- 42 (4) Be included in any benefit program generally  
43 applicable to the officers and employees of the State;  
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1 (5) Retain staff as may be necessary and in conformity  
2 with chapter 76, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and  
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4 (6) Report to the Director of Business, Economic  
5 Development, and Tourism and not to any other principal  
6 executive department; and  
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
9 require the Office of Energy to:

10 (1) Formulate plans and financial requirements for the  
11 optimum development of Hawaii's energy resources;  
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13 (2) Develop a strategic comprehensive plan in the effort  
14 to achieve full utilization of Hawaii's energy  
15 resource programs;  
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17 (3) Conduct, collect, and disseminate research and  
18 statistics on the energy trends and developments;  
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20 (4) Develop benchmarks for energy resource development and  
21 policy-making;  
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23 (5) Conduct systematic analysis of existing and proposed  
24 energy resource programs;  
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26 (6) Formulate and recommend specific proposals for  
27 conserving energy and fuel;  
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29 (7) Assist public and private agencies in implementing  
30 energy conservation;  
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32 (8) Coordinate the State's energy conservation and  
33 allocation programs with that of other state  
34 governments and governments of other nations;  
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36 (9) Develop programs to encourage private and public  
37 exploration and research of alternative energy  
38 resources;  
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40 (10) Conduct public education programs to inform the public  
41 of an energy situation;  
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- 1 (11) Serve as consultant to the Governor, public agencies,  
2 and private industry on energy conservation;
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- 4 (12) Contract for services when required;
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- 6 (13) Review proposed State actions that the Director finds  
7 to have significant effect on energy consumption and  
8 report to the Governor; and
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- 10 (14) Prepare and submit an annual report to the Governor  
11 and to the Legislature on all matters related to  
12 energy resources; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
15 include provisions that the Office of Energy seek the widest  
16 possible cooperation from public and private agencies,  
17 individuals, and the federal government and the executive heads  
18 of all state departments and agencies shall cooperate with the  
19 Office of Energy by providing information as the Governor and  
20 the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism deem  
21 necessary; and

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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed legislation  
24 include provisions that any of the agencies of the State to  
25 which general or specific appropriations are made, or a part of  
26 whose budget contains an allocation, or that makes an allocation  
27 of funds for energy resource planning and research, shall  
28 consult with the Office of Energy to ensure that all  
29 expenditures are in accordance with or in furtherance of the  
30 goals and objectives of the Office of Energy; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,  
33 Economic Development, and Tourism submit the proposed  
34 legislation to the Legislature not later than twenty days before  
35 the convening of the Regular Session of 2008; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
38 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of  
39 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism.

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OFFERED BY:                     *Don memo*