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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING THE USE OF COMPACT FLUORESCENT LIGHT BULBS.

1           WHEREAS, incandescent light bulbs are the oldest, most  
2 common, and the most expensive light source to operate; and  
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4           WHEREAS, lighting accounts for twenty to twenty-five per  
5 cent of all electricity consumed in the United States; and  
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7           WHEREAS, an average American household dedicates five to  
8 ten per cent of its energy budget and an average American  
9 commercial establishment dedicates twenty to thirty per cent of  
10 its energy budget to lighting costs; and  
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12           WHEREAS, according to the Department of Business, Economic  
13 Development, and Tourism, lighting accounts for up to forty-five  
14 per cent of the total electricity used in commercial buildings  
15 in Hawaii; and  
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17           WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of  
18 Energy, compact fluorescent light bulbs are one of the best  
19 energy efficiency investments available due to their longevity  
20 and energy savings; and  
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22           WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
23 bulbs use two-thirds less energy than incandescent light bulbs;  
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26           WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
27 bulbs last at least ten times longer than incandescent light  
28 bulbs; and  
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30           WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
31 bulbs generate seventy per cent less heat than standard  
32 incandescent light bulbs; and  
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1           WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
2 bulbs turn on instantly and produce no sound; and

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4           WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
5 bulbs save a minimum of \$30 in energy costs over the life of  
6 each bulb; and

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8           WHEREAS, each ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent  
9 light bulb can prevent a minimum of 450 pounds of emissions from  
10 a power plant over its lifetime; and

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12           WHEREAS, if every home in America replaced one single  
13 incandescent bulb with an ENERGY STAR qualified compact  
14 fluorescent light bulb there would be enough savings to light  
15 more than 2.5 million homes for one year and prevent the  
16 emission of greenhouse gasses equivalent to almost 800,000 cars;  
17 now, therefore,

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19           BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fourth  
20 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2007, the  
21 House of Representatives concurring, that all state government  
22 facilities are requested to replace any incandescent light bulbs  
23 in use with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
24 bulbs by January 1, 2010; and

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26           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all county and local government  
27 facilities are requested to replace any incandescent light bulbs  
28 in use with ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
29 bulbs by January 1, 2010; and

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31           BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of Business,  
32 Economic Development, and Tourism, serving as the statewide  
33 Energy Resources Coordinator, be charged with encouraging  
34 private consumers to use ENERGY STAR qualified compact  
35 fluorescent light bulbs in lieu of incandescent light bulbs by  
36 establishing incentive programs, such as rebate and discount  
37 programs, and by educating the public with regard to the  
38 benefits of ENERGY STAR qualified compact fluorescent light  
39 bulbs; and

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# S.C.R. NO. 53

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 2 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor of the  
 3 State of Hawaii and the Mayors of each of the counties of the  
 4 State of Hawaii.

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