HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

ENCOURAGING ALL BUSINESSES AND COMMERCIAL ESTABLISHMENTS IN THE STATE OF HAWAII TO CONSERVE ENERGY BY TURNING OFF ALL LIGHTS AFTER BUSINESS HOURS.

WHEREAS, according to the United States Department of Energy, lighting accounts for twenty to twenty-five per cent of all electricity consumed in the United States; and

WHEREAS, an average American commercial establishment dedicates twenty to thirty per cent of its energy budget to lighting costs; and

WHEREAS, as of October 2009, Hawaii residents pay the highest electricity rates in the United States; and

WHEREAS, according to the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, lighting accounts for up to forty-five per cent of the total electricity used in commercial buildings in Hawaii; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the Senate concurring, that, with the exception of motion-activated lights and other lighting needed for safety, the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, serving as the statewide Energy Resources Coordinator, is requested to encourage all businesses and commercial establishments in the State to conserve energy by turning off all lights after business hours; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism, who in turn is

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requested to distribute copies to business organizations throughout the State.

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