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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE COUNTIES TO TEMPORARILY WAIVE PROPERTY TAXES FOR
LAND-INTENSIVE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECTS WITH DELAYED
INCOME POTENTIAL.

1 WHEREAS, the Legislature finds that it can take several
2 years for revenue to be available from land-intensive renewable
3 energy projects;
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5 WHEREAS, as an example, the harvest of oilseeds from trees
6 takes up to five years from the start of the project until
7 commercial yields are achieved;
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9 WHEREAS, during this period a financial incentive can
10 improve the commercial viability of such a renewable operation
11 and therefore the likelihood of such renewable energy projects
12 being established and succeeding;
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14 WHEREAS, the establishment of land-intensive renewable
15 energy projects with delayed income potential, and the growth
16 and harvest of energy crops such as wood, sugar cane, and
17 various grasses, can be encouraged by the waiver of property
18 taxes;
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20 WHEREAS, portions of taxable real property that are
21 dedicated to energy crops and land-intensive renewable energy
22 projects should be waived in determining and assessing the value
23 of the real property;
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25 WHEREAS, the waiver of property taxes for land-intensive
26 renewable energy projects and energy crops is only meant to
27 assist renewable energy producers in establishing their
28 operations and increasing the likelihood of success;
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1 WHEREAS, the property tax waivers should not continue when
2 a renewable energy producer is able to derive revenues from the
3 sale of energy crops or the production of renewable energy;
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5 WHEREAS, a temporary waiver of property taxes for renewable
6 energy projects with delayed income potential can further ensure
7 the viability of eco-friendly businesses and encourage
8 additional renewable energy projects;
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10 WHEREAS, such a temporary waiver can only be achieved with
11 the assistance of the county governments that have the authority
12 to levy property taxes on such lands; now therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
15 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010, the
16 House of Representatives concurring, that the Legislature urges
17 the counties to temporarily waive property taxes for land-
18 intensive renewable energy projects with delayed income
19 potential; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayors of the City
23 and County of Honolulu, the County of Maui, the County of
24 Hawaii, and the County of Kauai, and the Department of Business,
25 Economic Development, and Tourism.
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28 OFFERED BY: _____

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30 BY REQUEST