
SENATE RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CRITERIA AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ENVIRONMENTALLY PREFERRED PURCHASING
POLICY FOR THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative is charting a
2 new path toward an energy-independent future for Hawaii, by
3 reducing Hawaii's energy use through increased efficiency and
4 developing local renewable energy sources; and
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6 WHEREAS, Hawaii is committed to the stewardship of the
7 environment and developing a sustainable way of life; and
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9 WHEREAS, the state government is one of the largest
10 employers in the State, and has great purchasing power; and
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12 WHEREAS, by reducing the adverse environmental impact of
13 the State's purchasing decisions by buying goods and services
14 from manufacturers and vendors who share this commitment to the
15 environment, the state government can minimize negative
16 environmental and social effects through the use of
17 environmentally friendly products; and
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19 WHEREAS, environmentally preferred purchasing, green
20 procurement, affirmative procurement, eco-procurement, and
21 environmentally responsible purchasing all refer to the method
22 whereby environmental and social considerations are given equal
23 weight with the price, availability, and performance criteria
24 that institutions use to make purchasing decisions; and
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26 WHEREAS, similar procurement policies have been implemented
27 by the federal government, in several cities including Santa
28 Monica and Berkeley, California, and major institutions
29 including Arizona State University; and
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31 WHEREAS, the Department of Accounting and General Services
32 has been certified as a Hawaii Green Government Agency, and has
33 made significant improvements to state buildings to reduce
34 energy and water usage; and
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1 WHEREAS, institutional green purchasing, combined with
2 facility improvements, will have a significant impact on
3 reducing Hawaii's energy consumption and promote similar
4 practices throughout the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, ENERGY STAR fluorescent light bulbs use seventy-
7 five per cent less energy and last ten times longer than
8 incandescent bulbs; and

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10 WHEREAS, purchasing recyclable and biodegradable products,
11 such as paper towels, hand soaps, and other disposable products
12 can help promote the businesses that supply these products and
13 reduce pollution to our ocean and the water supply; and

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15 WHEREAS, purchasing only vehicles with high efficiency
16 ratings will save money, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, and
17 demonstrate a strong commitment to Hawaii's clean energy future;
18 now, therefore,

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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-fifth
21 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2010,
22 that the Procurement Policy Board is urged to develop criteria
23 and recommendations for the implementation of an environmentally
24 preferred purchasing policy for the State; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Procurement Policy Board
27 shall submit a report to the Legislature no later than twenty
28 days prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session on its
29 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
30 legislation; and

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32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
33 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Chairperson of
34 the Procurement Policy Board.

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