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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING A REPORT OF ALL STATE DEPARTMENT EXPENDITURES RELATING TO ENERGY CONSERVATION CONTRACTS AND POWER PURCHASE AGREEMENTS.

WHEREAS, the various state departments expend large amounts of monies each year on the maintenance of facilities and equipment; and

WHEREAS, maintenance contracts help keep major building facilities working consistently to avoid disruptions and to ensure safe and secure work places; and

WHEREAS, keeping business equipment properly serviced maximizes the useful life of the equipment and reduces unexpected interruptions to work productivity; and

WHEREAS, the annual cost of maintenance agreements throughout all agencies and departments of the State of Hawaii is a substantial sum of money;

WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Education utilize power purchase agreements that most affect the State; and

WHEREAS, it may be financially beneficial for the State of Hawaii to self-insure some or all of these maintenance costs; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Twenty-sixth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2012, the Senate concurring, that each of the various state departments are requested to report to the Legislature through the Department of Budget and Finance on their energy conservation contracts and power purchase agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the University of Hawaii, the Department of Transportation, the Department of Accounting and General Services, and the Department of Education are requested to provide a detailed analysis to the Legislature through the Department of Budget and Finance on their power purchase agreements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislature further requests that the reports also consider the following:

(1) Whether these contracts serve their intended purposes to promote energy and resource conservation, while meeting the departments' needs;

(2) The adequacy of the financing of the energy conservation contracts and power purchase agreements;

(3) Lower cost alternatives which can potentially save state funds (i.e. purchasing energy efficient electronic equipment);

(4) Assessment from each department on the recordation, reporting, and record-keeping processes for all such expenses; and

(5) Summary recommendations from the State's Chief Information Officer (CIO) on what technology accommodations can better ensure accurate and efficient record keeping as well as reporting and analysis for such expenses; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the various state agencies work in collaboration with the Department of Budget and Finance in preparing the report; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Budget and Finance is requested to submit its findings and recommendations to the Legislature no later than 20 days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2013; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the Director of Finance.