A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:

- 1 SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by 2 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read 3 as follows: 4 "CHAPTER 5 STATE EMPLOYEE AIR TRAVEL CARBON OFFSETS PROGRAM 6 -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter: 7 "Agency" means an internal division of a branch of state 8 government, such as a department, division, branch, agency,
- 9 program, or office, and includes the judiciary and the office of 10 Hawaiian affairs.
- "Carbon offset" means a compensatory measure made by an individual or entity for carbon emissions, which may include the causing of projects that increase the absorption of carbon
- "Employee" means an employee of the State including all
 permanent employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative
 branches. The term also includes legislative session staff.

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- State employee air travel carbon offsets program.
- 2 (a) The governor, the president of the senate and the speaker
- 3 of the house of representatives, the chief justice, and the
- 4 chairperson of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall implement a
- 5 program in their respective branches of state government to
- 6 require all agencies to participate in a carbon offset program
- 7 established and administered by the department of land and
- 8 natural resources to offset carbon emissions caused by air
- 9 travel undertaken by an employee of the agency in performance of
- 10 the employee's official duties. The cost of the offset shall be
- 11 paid to the department of land and natural resources by the
- 12 agency for their respective employees on a per trip basis at a
- 13 rate determined by the department.
- 14 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
- 15 establish and administer a carbon offset program that includes
- 16 the planting of trees endemic to Hawaii, including but not
- 17 limited to sandalwood varietals such as Iliahi, Laauala,
- 18 Wahieala, Aoa, and Aahi. The department may adopt rules
- 19 pursuant to chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this
- 20 chapter."

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1 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

State Employees; Air Travel; DLNR; Carbon Offset Program

Description:

Requires state agencies to participate in a carbon offset program to offset carbon emissions caused by their employees' air travel. Requires DLNR to establish and administer a carbon offset program.

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