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A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ENVIRONMENT.

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

- SECTION 1. The Hawaii Revised Statutes is amended by

 adding a new chapter to be appropriately designated and to read

 s follows:

 "CHAPTER

 STATE EMPLOYEE AIR TRAVEL CARBON OFFSETS PROGRAM

 S -1 Definitions. As used in this chapter:

 "Agency" means a unit of state government, such as a
- 8 department, division, branch, agency, program, or office, and
 9 includes the legislature, judiciary, and office of Hawaiian
- 11 "Carbon offset" means a compensatory measure made by an
- 12 individual or entity for carbon emissions, which may include the
- 13 causing of projects that increase the absorption of carbon
- 14 dioxide.

affairs.

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- 15 "Employee" means an employee of the State, including all
- 16 permanent employees of the executive, judicial, and legislative

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- 1 branches and of the office of Hawaiian affairs, and legislative
- 2 session staff.
- 3 § -2 State employee air travel carbon offsets program.
- 4 (a) The governor, the president of the senate and the speaker
- 5 of the house of representatives, the chief justice, and the
- 6 chairperson of the office of Hawaiian affairs shall implement a
- 7 program in their respective branches of state government to
- 8 require all agencies to participate in a carbon offset program
- 9 established and administered by the department of land and
- 10 natural resources to offset carbon emissions caused by air
- 11 travel undertaken by an employee of the agency in performance of
- 12 the employee's official duties. The cost of the offset shall be
- 13 paid to the department of land and natural resources by the
- 14 agency for their respective employees on a per trip basis at a
- 15 rate, which may include reasonable costs for administering the
- 16 program, determined by the department.
- 17 (b) The department of land and natural resources shall
- 18 establish and administer a carbon offset program that includes
- 19 the planting of trees endemic to Hawaii, including but not
- 20 limited to sandalwood varietals such as iliahi, laau ala, wahie

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- 1 ala, aoa, and aahi. The department may adopt rules pursuant to
- 2 chapter 91 to effectuate the purposes of this chapter."
- 3 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2017.

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Report Title:

State Employees; Air Travel; Department of Land and Natural Resources; 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 the Department of Land and Natural Resources to establish and administer a carbon offset program.

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