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SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR
CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE
TO COORDINATE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

1 WHEREAS, climate change is already impacting the State with
2 the increased frequency of extreme weather events, which bring
3 unprecedented risks, damage, and costs to Hawaii's communities
4 and residents; and
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6 WHEREAS, the damage and costs of climate change will
7 continue to grow without appropriate public action, saddling
8 future generations with an extreme financial burden and
9 significantly diminished health and quality of life; and
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11 WHEREAS, the State has prioritized actions to mitigate the
12 effects of climate change for the State and planet; and
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14 WHEREAS, there remain additional steps the State can take
15 to reduce its contributions to climate change and protect
16 against the effects of climate change, particularly for Hawaii's
17 most vulnerable population; and
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19 WHEREAS, Congress has passed legislation, such as the
20 Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to deliver millions of
21 dollars for necessary infrastructure improvements; and
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23 WHEREAS, the funds granted by Congress offer an opportunity
24 for the State to address key challenges resulting from climate
25 change; now, therefore,
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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first
28 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2022, the
29 House of Representatives concurring, that the Governor is
30 requested to implement a plan to optimize the use of federal
31 funds for climate resilience and equity throughout the State;
32 and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor is requested to
3 establish an infrastructure task force, made up of relevant
4 agencies and departments, to coordinate the use of federal funds
5 for climate resilience and equity and to implement guidelines
6 for state projects to ensure that they promote climate
7 resilience and equity; and

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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure
10 task force are requested to ensure that all eligible recipients
11 of federal funding are given timely information and technical
12 assistance throughout the application process for federal
13 funding; and

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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure
16 task force are requested to encourage any eligible recipients to
17 apply for federal funding that would advance the State's climate
18 resilience and equity goals; and

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20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Governor and infrastructure
21 task force are requested to collect relevant metrics on any
22 actions taken in accordance with this resolution and to make
23 those metrics available to the public; and

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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
26 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor.

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29 OFFERED BY:

