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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, AND TOURISM TO PROPOSE LEGISLATION THAT ESTABLISHES TAX CREDITS FOR FIRM RENEWABLE ELECTRICITY GENERATION.

WHEREAS, the achievement of the State's one hundred percent 1 Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2045 is highly reliant on firm 2 renewable energy generation; and 3 4 WHEREAS, the State must continue to support utility-scale 5 renewable energy projects that benefit residents and ratepayers; 6 and 7 8 WHEREAS, Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, established 9 the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit to 10 incentivize residential and commercial properties to install 11 renewable energy technology in an attempt to bring the State 12 closer to its one hundred percent Renewable Portfolio Standard 13 goal; and 14 15 WHEREAS, it has been almost twenty years since the 16 establishment of the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax 17 Credit for solar energy systems; and 18 19 WHEREAS, it is time to start investing in new and 20 innovative firm renewable sources of energy outside the scope of 21 solar energy; and 22 23 WHEREAS, the State must provide certainty and clarity for 24 firm renewable generation projects to ensure their stability and 25 long-term financial viability; and 26 27 WHEREAS, the State should provide firm renewable energy 28 technologies the same opportunities, in the form of tax credits, 29 that are available for other renewable energy technologies; and 30 31



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WHEREAS, the successful migration to a one hundred percent 1 Renewable Portfolio Standard requires firm renewable energy 2 generation to provide grid stability; now, therefore, 3 4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the 5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular 6 Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of 7 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to 8 propose legislation that establishes tax credits for firm 9 renewable electricity generation; and 10 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, 12 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to consider tax 13 credits that would incentivize interested parties to pursue firm 14 15 renewable energy projects for commercial development; and 16 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative proposals for 17 the tax credits are requested to incentivize commercial 18 renewable energy developers to bid and build firm renewable 19 energy projects in the State; and 20 21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, 22 Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its 23 proposed legislation to the Legislature sixty days prior to the 24 convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and 25 26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this 27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of 28 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Chief Energy 29 Officer. 30 31 32 33 OFFERED BY: MAR 0 8 2024

