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 Renewable Portfolio Standard by 2045 is highly reliant on firm renewable energy generation; and

WHEREAS, the State must continue to support utility-scale renewable energy projects that benefit residents and ratepayers; and

WHEREAS, Act 207, Session Laws of Hawaii 2003, established the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit to incentivize residential and commercial properties to install renewable energy technology in an attempt to bring the State closer to its one hundred percent Renewable Portfolio Standard goal; and

WHEREAS, it has been almost twenty years since the establishment of the Renewable Energy Technologies Income Tax Credit for solar energy systems; and

WHEREAS, it is time to start investing in new and innovative firm renewable sources of energy outside the scope of solar energy; and

WHEREAS, the State must provide certainty and clarity for firm renewable generation projects to ensure their stability and long-term financial viability; and

WHEREAS, the State should provide firm renewable energy technologies the same opportunities, in the form of tax credits, that are available for other renewable energy technologies; and

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WHEREAS, the successful migration to a one hundred percent Renewable Portfolio Standard requires firm renewable energy generation to provide grid stability; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to propose legislation that establishes tax credits for firm renewable electricity generation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to consider tax credits that would incentivize interested parties to pursue firm renewable energy projects for commercial development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the legislative proposals for the tax credits are requested to incentivize commercial renewable energy developers to bid and build firm renewable energy projects in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism is requested to submit its proposed legislation to the Legislature sixty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism and Chief Energy Officer.

OFFERED BY:

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