HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO CONSIDER INCLUDING AN ANALYSIS OF SCOPE 1, 2, AND 3 GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INTO ITS WORK TO TRACK GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ITS NEXT GREENHOUSE GAS INVENTORY REPORT.

WHEREAS, the State recognizes the urgent need to address climate change and reduce greenhouse gas emissions to protect the environment and public health; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive greenhouse gas emissions reporting is essential to understanding the sources and trends of carbon emissions to inform effective mitigation strategies; and

WHEREAS, scope 1 greenhouse gas emissions encompass direct emissions from sources owned or controlled by the reporting entity; and

WHEREAS, scope 2 greenhouse gas emissions encompass indirect emissions from the generation of purchased electricity, heat, or steam consumed by a reporting entity; and

WHEREAS, scope 3 greenhouse gas emissions encompass indirect emissions along the value chain, such as emissions produced by travel and consumer activity; and

WHEREAS, effectively measuring scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions is essential to developing a comprehensive understanding of greenhouse gas emissions; and

WHEREAS, assessing and reporting scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions are also crucial to identifying opportunities for emissions reduction across public and private sectors and promoting sustainable practices throughout the State; and

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WHEREAS, establishing transparent methods for scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions reporting is crucial to ensuring consistency, accuracy, and comparability of greenhouse gas emissions data across governmental and nongovernmental sectors; and

WHEREAS, identifying transparent methods for reporting on scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions will provide policymakers, businesses, and the public with valuable information to support informed decision-making about climate change mitigation efforts and the advancement of the State's net-zero goals; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Department of Health is requested to:

 (1) Consider including an analysis of scope 1, 2, and 3 greenhouse gas emissions into its work to track greenhouse gas emissions pursuant to section 342B-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

 (2) Include the analysis in its next greenhouse gas emissions inventory report to be submitted pursuant to section 342B-71, Hawaii Revised Statutes, if the analysis is included in its work to track greenhouse gas emissions; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Director of Health, and Director of the Hawaii State Energy Office.