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SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII' I CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

1 WHEREAS, climate change is a serious danger which threatens
2 to have a significant impact on the State, the United States,
3 and the world; and

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5 WHEREAS, climate change is caused by the accumulation of
6 carbon within the atmosphere, which is substantially worsened by
7 the consumption of fossil fuels; and

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9 WHEREAS, many people recognize the threats posed by climate
10 change and wish to minimize their personal contribution to the
11 buildup of carbon in the atmosphere; and

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13 WHEREAS, though a single person's actions make only a small
14 difference in the matter of global warming, the total of actions
15 taken by many people makes a significant difference; and

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17 WHEREAS, it is not always intuitive or obvious which
18 actions a person or group of people can take to reduce their
19 carbon footprint; and

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21 WHEREAS, the executive director of Project Drawdown, a
22 nonprofit, non-partisan organization that advances effective,
23 science-based climate solutions and strategies; fosters bold,
24 new climate leadership; and promotes new narratives and new
25 voices to help the world stop climate change, has said that
26 there have been efforts from industry to mislead customers about
27 what is most effective at mitigating climate change; and

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29 WHEREAS, according to a Washington Post-University of
30 Maryland (Post-UMD) poll, fifty-nine percent of Americans
31 believe that recycling will have a lot or some impact on climate
32 change, while a study led by a University of Leeds researcher
33 found that the climate change impact of recycling is second-to-
34 last among more than fifty actions; and



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WHEREAS, according to the same Post-UMD poll, only twenty-four percent of Americans believe that not eating meat will have a lot or some impact on climate change, while Project Drawdown estimates that three-quarters of people around the world adopting a plant-rich diet by 2050 could avoid the release of more than one hundred gigatons of emissions; and

WHEREAS, according to the same Post-UMD poll, only thirty-one percent of Americans believe that living in a smaller house or apartment will have a lot or some impact on climate change, while the director of Stanford University's Woods Institute for the Environment, an interdisciplinary research lab that supports environmental research, has stated that a home's carbon footprint is often proportionate to its size; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, that the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission is requested to conduct an educational program regarding the activities of individuals that contribute to climate change; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the educational program is requested to:

- (1) Inform people of which personal activities, habits, and lifestyle choices create the greatest contribution to an individual's carbon footprint; and
- (2) Make use of printed fliers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission is requested to coordinate with the Department of Health in the implementation of the educational program; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
2 Resolution be transmitted to the co-chairs and members of the
3 Hawai'i Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission.
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