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SR 23
REQUESTING DEVELOPMENT OF
ENERGY CONSERVATION PLAN

SR 25 REQUESTING A REPORT ON THE ENERGY SAVINGS PROGRAM

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SR 23 and SR 25 reflect concerns with conservation in the design and use of State facilities. This statement on the resolutions does not reflect an institutional position of the University of Hawaii.

Needs for planning and using facilities so as to minimize energy consumption are now widely recognized. It is appropriate that the State government serve as a model with respect to energy conservation by these means. Both of the resolutions here reviewed reflect concerns with the governmental role. SR 23 calls for the development of an explicit plan for such conservation; SR 25 for the report on whatever program for energy conservation now exists.

Review of the State's role is quite appropriate. The intent of the two resolutions could easily be combined by a request for a report on present energy conservation practices by the State and for the development of an explicit plan for the improvement of such practices.