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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO DECREASE THE UNITED STATES' DEPENDENCE ON  
FOREIGN OIL AND INCREASE THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

1           WHEREAS, the United States is one of the world's largest  
2 consumers of oil and oil-produced energy; and  
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4           WHEREAS, as late as the 1970s, the major oil companies in  
5 the United States accounted for 50 percent of global oil  
6 production which has plummeted to a mere 13 percent today; and  
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8           WHEREAS, oil production in the United States has decreased  
9 from 9 million barrels per day to 5 million barrels per day over  
10 the last 20 years making this country severely dependent on  
11 foreign imported oil; and  
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13           WHEREAS, this reliance on foreign imported oil has had a  
14 negative impact on the economy of the United States as oil  
15 markets controlled by foreign interests have caused the price of  
16 a barrel of oil to fluctuate wildly over the past year; and  
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18           WHEREAS, in the past, this wild fluctuation in oil prices  
19 caused gasoline prices to fluctuate wildly with the country  
20 experiencing rapid increases in gas prices over the past year;  
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23           WHEREAS, increases in oil prices in the past have caused  
24 transportation prices to increase and have initiated a domino  
25 effect on other costs, including costs for food, travel, home  
26 heating, and other expenses; and  
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28           WHEREAS, the United States imports a tremendous amount of  
29 oil from foreign countries, although oil fields in the United  
30 States, including those in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska,  
31 continue to produce large quantities of oil; and  
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33           WHEREAS, the United States exports approximately 1.8  
34 million barrels of our own oil each day; and



1 WHEREAS, switching our energy dependency to other sources  
 2 of energy such as wind, solar, geothermal, and tidal, to name a  
 3 few, would not only reduce the amount of oil imports needed by  
 4 the United States but also have a positive effect on the  
 5 environment and global warming; now, therefore,

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 7 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
 8 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
 9 of 2009, that the United States Congress is urged to decrease  
 10 the United States' dependence on foreign oil and increase the  
 11 country's energy efficiency by:

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- 13 (1) Stopping all oil exports from the United States to  
 14 foreign countries;
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  - 16 (2) Raising the auto fuel efficiency standards by 7.6  
 17 miles per gallon by 2010;
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  - 19 (3) Proposing legislation to require that 25 percent of  
 20 cars built in the United States for domestic use be  
 21 electric cars by 2020;
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  - 23 (4) Increasing the country's focus on electrical energy  
 24 generated from non-fossil fuels; and
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  - 26 (5) Shifting the policy for awarding energy subsidies in  
 27 the United States from oil to solar, wind, geothermal,  
 28 tidal, and deep ocean water energy;

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 32 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 33 Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional Delegation.

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