
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING CONCERN ABOUT THE USE OF HYDRAULIC FRACTURING IN
HAWAII.

1 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing - also known as "fracking" -
2 involves drilling wells into the ground and injecting a fluid
3 into the rock to fracture the rock; and
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5 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing can result in potentially
6 adverse impacts to the environment, including:
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8 (1) Stress on surface water and ground water supplies from
9 the withdrawal of large volumes of water used in
10 drilling and hydraulic fracturing;
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12 (2) Contamination of underground sources of drinking water
13 and surface waters resulting from spills, faulty well
14 construction, or by other means related to the
15 hydraulic fracturing process;
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17 (3) Adverse impacts from the discharge of waste water from
18 hydraulic fracturing into surface waters or into
19 underground injection wells; and
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21 (4) Air pollution resulting from the release of volatile
22 organic compounds, hazardous air pollutants, and
23 greenhouse gases from the hydraulic fracturing
24 process; and
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26 WHEREAS, a recent study has raised questions about whether
27 there is a link between hydraulic fracturing and earthquakes;
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30 WHEREAS, it is not clear whether present statutes and
31 regulations adequately protect against the potentially adverse
32 impacts of hydraulic fracturing; and
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1 WHEREAS, it would be useful to potential geothermal
2 developers to know which technologies will be acceptable in
3 Hawaii; and
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5 WHEREAS, a proactive approach should be taken to safeguard
6 the people of Hawaii, the environment, and Hawaii's natural
7 resources by opposing the use of hydraulic fracturing; now,
8 therefore,
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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-seventh
11 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2013, the
12 House of Representatives concurring, that this body expresses
13 concern about the use of hydraulic fracturing in Hawaii; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
17 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
18 Health; and Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
19 Resources.

