
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THAT THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION INCLUDE IN ITS
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOSSIL
FUELS USED BY ELECTRIC AND GAS UTILITIES IN THE STATE.

1 WHEREAS, the use of hydraulic fracturing, the process of
2 drilling into the earth by directing a high-pressure liquid
3 mixture at subterranean rock to open fissures and release oil or
4 gas, has prompted valid environmental concerns in the United
5 States; and

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7 WHEREAS, the environmental concerns caused by hydraulic
8 fracturing include earth tremors, groundwater contamination, and
9 the release of greenhouse gases into the atmosphere,
10 contributing to global climate change; and

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12 WHEREAS, an increasing proportion of the fossil fuels that
13 utilities import and use in the State come from sources that use
14 hydraulic fracturing to produce those fuels; and

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16 WHEREAS, due to the impact that hydraulic fracturing has on
17 the global environment, the State and its people have the right
18 to know the amounts of fossil fuels derived from hydraulic
19 fracturing that are used by electric and gas utilities in the
20 State; and

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22 WHEREAS, the Public Utilities Commission, pursuant to
23 section 269-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is required to provide
24 the Governor with an annual report of its actions during the
25 preceding fiscal year; now, therefore,

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27 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
28 Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
29 of 2018, the Senate concurring, that the Public Utilities
30 Commission is requested to include in its annual report to the



1 Governor, information about the fossil fuels that each gas and
2 electric utility uses in the State, including at minimum, the:

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4 (1) Amount, type, and sources of fossil fuels imported;
5 and

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7 (2) Amount of fossil fuels derived from hydraulic
8 fracturing; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
11 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor and the
12 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission.
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OFFERED BY: 

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