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March 16, 2020

Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker
State of Hawaii
State Capitol, Room 431
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

DEPT. COMM. NO. 492

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a copy of Resolution No. 20-24, which was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on March 13, 2020.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kathy L. KaoHu".

KATHY L. KAOHU
County Clerk

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Enclosure

Resolution

No. 20-24

URGING THE 30TH LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII TO SUPPORT SENATE BILL 3150 (2020) TO ADDRESS CARBON EMISSIONS

WHEREAS, on December 20, 2019, the Maui County Council voted unanimously to adopt Resolution 19-209 (2019), “ACKNOWLEDGING A CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND COMMITTING TO AN IMMEDIATE JUST TRANSITION AND EMERGENCY MOBILIZATION EFFORT TO RESTORE A SAFE CLIMATE”; and

WHEREAS, the combustion of fossil fuels is the primary contributor to carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, Hawaii is the first state in the nation to legally commit to a zero-emissions, carbon-neutral economy by 2045; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 3150 (2020), currently pending before the 30th Legislature of the State of Hawaii, would amend the environmental response, energy, and food security tax to address carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the bill also seeks to reduce carbon emissions by putting a price on carbon and is supported by Hawaii’s Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission, Hawaii’s State Energy Office, the Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Blue Planet Foundation, Hawaii Natural Energy Institute, Imua Alliance, and Citizens Climate Lobby, among others; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation sets costs on carbon at \$40 per metric ton of carbon dioxide emissions in 2021 and incrementally increases this tax rate over time so that, in 2030, the tax rate shall be equivalent to a carbon price of \$80 per metric ton of carbon emissions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed legislation establishes a refundable tax credit for individuals earning 60 percent or less of the area median income; and

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WHEREAS, the University of Hawaii is studying the effects of carbon pricing on the state's economy under Act 122 (2019); and

WHEREAS, Hawaii's Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission recommends that lawmakers enact carbon pricing, declaring that a "price on carbon is the most effective single action that will achieve Hawaii's ambitious and necessary emissions reduction goals"; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the County of Maui:

1. That it supports the 2020 legislation to enact carbon pricing strategies to reduce Hawaii's carbon emissions; and
2. That it urges the 30th Legislature of the State of Hawaii to pass Senate Bill 3150 (2020) to confront the Climate Emergency; and
2. That certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Honorable David Ige, Governor, State of Hawaii; the Honorable Scott K. Saiki, Speaker, Hawaii State House of Representatives; the Honorable Ronald D. Kouchi, President, Hawaii State Senate; Maui County's Delegation to the State Legislature; and the Honorable Michael P. Victorino, Mayor, County of Maui.

COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF MAUI

WAILUKU, HAWAII 96793

CERTIFICATION OF ADOPTION

It is **HEREBY CERTIFIED** that **RESOLUTION NO. 20-24** was adopted by the Council of the County of Maui, State of Hawaii, on the 13th day of March, 2020, by the following vote:

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| MEMBERS | Alice L. LEE Chair | Keani N. W. RAWLINS-FERNANDEZ Vice-Chair | G. Riki HOKAMA | Natalie A. KAMA | Kelly T. KING | Michael J. MOLINA | Tamara A. M. PALTIN | Shane M. SINENCI | Yuki Lei K. SUGIMURA |
| ROLL CALL | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Aye | Excused | Excused |



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