

**SCR-106**

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Comments:

To: The Honorable Michael Gabbard, Chair, The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing, SCR106, REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS, Monday April 4, 2022 1:15pm

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i is a group focused on reversing the climate crisis and encouraging Hawai'i to lead the world towards a safe and sustainable climate and future. The Climate Protectors Hawai'i **STRONGLY SUPPORTS SCR106 and SR93!**

As found by the Legislature in 2021, we are in a climate emergency! This crisis is already impacting Hawai'i in several ways. There is an increased frequency of extreme weather events, stronger hurricanes, "rain bombs," floods, droughts and fires, which bring unprecedented risks, damage, and costs to Hawaii's communities and residents. The damage and costs of climate change will continue to grow, even more so without appropriate public action, saddling future generations with an extreme financial burden and significantly diminished health and quality of life.

The State has prioritized actions to mitigate the effects of climate change for the State and planet. But, there remain additional steps the State can take to reduce its contributions to the climate emergency and protect against the effects of climate change, particularly for Hawaii's most vulnerable population.

Congress has passed legislation, such as the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, to deliver millions of dollars for necessary infrastructure improvements. The funds granted by Congress offer an opportunity for the State to address key challenges resulting from climate change.

Under SCR106, the Governor is requested to implement a plan to optimize the use of federal funds for climate resilience and equity throughout the State, and to establish an infrastructure task force, made up of relevant agencies and departments, to coordinate the use of federal funds

for climate resilience and equity and to implement guidelines for state projects to ensure that they promote climate resilience and equity.

**Please pass this Senate Concurrent Resolution 106 and Senate Resolution 93!**

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

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### RE: HI SR93/SCR106

Dear Chairman Gabbard and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment,

On behalf of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) more than 1,000 LEED credentialed professionals in Hawai'i, we are pleased to **provide our full support for SR 93/SCR106.**

USGBC is a nonprofit organization working to build healthy, resilient, and equitable green buildings and communities to improve the quality of life for all. Best known for the successful Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design (LEED) green building certification system, we leverage our education, credentials, events, communications, and policy advocacy activities to support the public and private sectors in advancing high-performance, buildings that support health and the environment. There are 235 LEED-certified buildings in Hawai'i alone, spanning over 25 million square feet of real estate.

The Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) invests historic amounts of money into repairing and modernizing our nation's infrastructure. The sheer magnitude of the package means that this is important opportunity to lay the groundwork for a future that is cleaner, more resilient and more equitable. Critically, by requiring the Governor to convene an infrastructure task force that coordinates efforts to ensure that federal funding is used to advance climate, resilience and equity goals, SR 93 provides accountability to ensure that Hawai'i infrastructure projects are tied to these desired outcomes.

We look forward to working with the Committee on Agriculture and Environment and the rest of Hawaii's legislature to pass SR 93/SCR106. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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# SIERRA CLUB OF HAWAI'I

## SENATE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT

April 4, 2022 1:15 PM  
Conference Room 224 & Videoconference

**In SUPPORT of SCR106/SR93:** REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO OPTIMIZE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS FOR CLIMATE RESILIENCE AND EQUITY AND TO CONVENE A TASK FORCE TO COORDINATE THE USE OF FEDERAL FUNDS.

Aloha Chair Gabbard and Vice Chair Nishihara

On behalf of our 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club of Hawai'i strongly supports SC106/SR93, Requesting the Governor to Optimize the use of Federal Funds for Climate Resilience and Equity and to Convene a Task Force to Coordinate the Use of Federal Funds.

These resolutions provide guidance to the Governor for the use of federal funds for climate resilience and equity, including the funds from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal. The White House press release for this legislation includes the following statement: "This Bipartisan Infrastructure Deal will rebuild America's roads, bridges and rails, expand access to clean drinking water, ensure every American has access to high-speed internet, tackle the climate crisis, advance environmental justice, and invest in communities that have too often been left behind." SC106/SR93 – with their emphasis on climate resilience and equity—support the legislative intent stated in the press release.

Thank you very much for this opportunity to provide testimony on **SCR106/SR93**

Mahalo,

Dave Raney  
Co-Chair  
Sierra Club Climate Adaptation and Restoration Team