



To: The Senate Committee on Government Operations (GVO)  
and  
The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)  
From: Sherry Pollack, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Monday, March 29, 2022, 3:00pm

**In strong support of SCR107/SR94**

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Nishihara, and members of the GVO and AEN committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. **350Hawaii.org strongly supports SCR107/SR94.** These resolutions urge the state and each county to adopt the Global Pact for the Environment to achieve the United Nations (UN) Paris Agreement and the 2030 Development Agenda, and to specifically adopt the UN Sustainable Development Goals, numbers 13 through 17, which includes **taking urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.**

350Hawaii strongly supports the objectives of the Global Pact for the Environment, an ambitious treaty on the environment at the UN that aims to enshrine a new generation of fundamental rights related to the protection of the environment, and in particular, the right to a healthy environment. Healthy environments, including climate, are currently not recognized and protected as inalienable rights and given constitutional recognition and protection. As such, protecting these basic human needs becomes an afterthought in government decision making, and sometimes is not considered at all. The health of the environment and environmental impacts should be considered first, at the start of planning, decision making, and regulating. We all need clean water and air, a healthy environment and climate to live healthy, long and good quality lives.

A few days ago, an ice shelf the size of New York City collapsed in East Antarctica, an area long thought to be stable and not hit much by climate change. The collapse marked the first time in human history that the frigid region had an ice shelf collapse. It happened during a record heat wave last week when temperatures soared more than 70 degrees (40 degrees Celsius) warmer than normal in some spots of East Antarctica. This is just one more clear sign our climate system is collapsing, and faster than we realized.

Scientists have made clear, if we are to address the climate emergency, we need to take bold and immediate action. An emergency is a serious situation that requires immediate action. Last year this legislature became the first in the nation to officially and rightfully declare a climate emergency. Yet action on climate since then has not been at the scale and speed required to match the crisis we face. We must step up our actions to fight climate breakdown, and we need to do so in earnest.

Scientists have declared that the decade we are in right now is one of the most consequential decades for our climate future. **Children living today will live to see a 1.5°C warmer world because of the failure of adults to take real action when there still was time to do so.** In the words of a young climate activist who was nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize, Greta Thunberg:

“Blah, blah, blah. This is all we hear from our so-called leaders. Words that sound great but so far have led to no action. Our hopes and dreams drown in their empty words and promises.”

Let Hawaii show Greta, her generation, and the world what true leadership means as we forge the way forward towards a safe and sustainable climate and future. The sooner we inspire others to take action and lead by example, the better off the future will be for our children.

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**SR-94**

Submitted on: 3/27/2022 6:33:02 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/29/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Dana Keawe	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Support

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Submitted on: 3/25/2022 9:59:26 AM

Testimony for GVO on 3/29/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Jennifer Azuma Chrupaluk	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

To contribute to the State of Hawai'i's efforts, I offer an economically efficient way to fight climate change - plant trees. On the East end of the islands, in the rainforest areas, people cannot figure out why there is a drought. Ironically, scientific evidence would point to the loss of the - forest part of the word rainforest as the issue.

Separately, I would like to inspire the idea of helping homeowners to qualify to put solar on their houses, and to donate the excess power to the grid - as a means to help everyone as a whole. This idea benefits the homeowner who will now have to cover the costs of putting the solar, while it helps HECO recover from a plethora of energy problems - from unpaid bills, to rising costs/economy, and it helps people who cannot get solar or pay their electric bill, by reducing the overall cost. The person who shared their solar energy can get a tax credit, which will help them recover financially.

**SR-94**

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Testimony for GVO on 3/29/2022 3:00:00 PM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Gerard Silva	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

This agreement is not for the people of Hawaii this agreement is only for the Ellit the Very Rich so they can control the World they are part of the NEW WORLD ORDER witch has all ready bin Defeated. Only the Comunist Cabal are pushing this to try and Keep there power this will not Work the People are Awake. All those who support this will face the People!!