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SUPPORT FOR SCR105 - SR87

Dear Chair Mike Gabbard, the Honorable Vice Chair Tim Richards, III, and Members of the Agriculture and Environment Committee,

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) - Hawaii, supports SCR105 - SR87, which references "Project Drawdown" (ranking the effectiveness of one hundred climate mitigation actions that can be taken), and "requests the Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Commission to conduct an educational program regarding the activities of individuals that contribute to climate change."

CCL-Hawaii is in strong support of education to help individuals reduce their personal fossil fuel use i.e., their carbon footprint, and by so doing help folks enjoy significant financial benefits as well as mitigating further increase in atmospheric carbon dioxide (currently measured by Hawaii's Maunaloa Atmospheric Observatory at over 426 ppm) a root cause of ongoing climate change and extreme weather disruptions.

Actions can often be simple and easy; carpooling or taking the bus just one day a week can reduce your gasoline bill by 20%, using federal incentives to purchase an induction cook-top will reduce your propane or electric bill, choosing a plant based diet and shopping at a farmers market will save money, improve health, and support local agriculture.

Some actions are more challenging but can have big financial rewards such as choosing to live within walking or bicycling distance of your work or school. Routinely walking or using a bicycle for transportation, rather than owning a car, will certainly save thousands of dollars each year, and the Hawaii Bicycle League can help you become a more efficient and safer bicyclist through weekend group rides, traffic education, and ride to work days.

CCL-Hawaii notes that focusing on individual actions to reduce ones personal carbon footprint (while commendable, and typically financially beneficial for an individual), has been used by the fossil fuel lobby to distract attention from the major role that oil companies play in their continued production, and profits from the sale of fossil fuels.

CCL-Hawaii volunteers are aware that Paul Hawken, the founder of Project Drawdown, is an enthusiastic supporter of "carbon fee and dividend" - a key policy to reduce local, national and global carbon emissions from the burning of fossil fuels. Carbon fee and dividend (with a carbon

border adjustment) is the prime national policy objective of Citizens' Climate Lobby, and Carbon Cashback is the prime state policy objective of CCL-Hawaii, and other like-minded organizations.

CCL Hawaii comprises over 1000 members across Hawaii. We advocate for effective, efficient, and equitable climate legislation.

Thank you for this opportunity to testify.

Please support SCR105 - SR87.

Respectfully submitted,
Ron Reilly for CCL- Hawai'i

Citizens' Climate Lobby (CCL) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan, grassroots advocacy organization focused on national policies to address climate change solutions. CCL Hawaii's 1,000+ members are part of a 180,000+ global organization. For more information, visit citizensclimatelobby.org.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Jacqueline S. Ambrose	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha,

Yes to; REQUESTING THE HAWAI'I CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION AND ADAPTATION COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM REGARDING THE ACTIVITIES OF INDIVIDUALS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO CLIMATE CHANGE.

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Testimony for AEN on 3/27/2024 1:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Lisa Bishop	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chair Gabbard and AEN Committee Members,

The language in the resolution clearly points out that the science is not definitive, so neither the Climate Commission nor the DOH can be expected to be more effective. please allow us to do our own research and make our own choices for our own families.

And doesn't handing out paper flyers increase our carbon footprint by killing trees for paper production?

Please defer this resolution.

With Aloha,
Lisa Bishop

Oahu resident