
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS.

1 WHEREAS, the transportation sector significantly
2 contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, and renewable liquid
3 fuels offer a viable solution to mitigate greenhouse gas
4 emissions across various modes of transportation, including
5 aviation; and

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7 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Illinois,
8 Oregon, and Washington, have enacted legislation to encourage
9 the production and utilization of renewable liquid fuels,
10 including sustainable aviation fuel; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State is heavily dependent on various modes of
13 transportation for tourism, commerce, and inter-island travel;
14 is particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change;
15 and has a vested interest in fostering a comprehensive, diverse
16 portfolio of renewable liquid fuels; and

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18 WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledged the critical role of
19 incentivizing and accelerating the production of renewable
20 liquid fuels by enacting the Renewable Fuels Production Tax
21 Credit in Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and

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23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Energy Office's Hawai'i 2023
24 Pathways to Decarbonization report to the Legislature highlights
25 the need to increase the use of renewable liquid fuels for the
26 State to achieve its goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions;
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29 WHEREAS, establishing a working group to explore how to
30 best facilitate and incentivize the production of a range of



1 renewable liquid fuels in Hawaii could provide valuable insights
2 and recommendations for promoting the adoption and development
3 of this critical sector; now, therefore,
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5 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-second
6 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2024, the
7 House of Representatives concurring, that the Hawaii State
8 Energy Office is requested to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels
9 Working Group to study local production, development, and
10 incentives for renewable liquid fuels; and
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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
13 to consist of the following members, who are requested to select
14 from among themselves a member to serve as Chairperson:
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- 16 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
17 President of the Senate;
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- 19 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
21 Representatives;
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- 23 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
24 Chairperson's designee;
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- 26 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
27 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 29 (5) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
30 designee;
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- 32 (6) The Chief Energy Officer, or the Chief Energy
33 Officer's designee; and
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- 35 (7) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the
36 President's designee; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the working
39 group is requested to invite the following individuals to
40 participate in the working group:
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- 42 (1) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau;



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- 2 (2) A representative from Airlines for America;
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- 4 (3) A representative from Hawaiian Electric;
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- 6 (4) A representative from Hawaii Gas;
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- 8 (5) A representative from the Kauai Island Utility
- 9 Cooperative;
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- 11 (6) A representative from local feedstock producers;
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- 13 (7) A representative from local fuel producers;
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- 15 (8) A representative from a nonprofit organization with a
- 16 focus on climate change mitigation, environmental
- 17 sustainability, or renewable energy;
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- 19 (9) A representative from a local fuel importer with
- 20 statewide logistical supply and distribution
- 21 capability; and
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- 23 (10) Any others, as invited by the Chairperson; and
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25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
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- 28 (1) Facilitate the local production of renewable liquid
- 29 fuels, including renewable diesel, naphtha, and
- 30 sustainable aviation fuels;
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- 32 (2) Identify potential feedstock and production
- 33 technologies suitable for production and use within
- 34 the State;
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- 36 (3) Evaluate existing and potential new tax incentives for
- 37 the development and utilization of renewable liquid
- 38 fuels in the State; and
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- 40 (4) Evaluate the adoption of a clean fuel standard to
- 41 incentivize the use of renewable liquid fuels; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
2 to meet no less than twice a year; and
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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
5 to submit to the Governor and Legislature a final report of its
6 findings and recommendations, including any proposed
7 legislation, no later than January 1, 2025; and
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9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
10 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, President
11 of the Senate, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
12 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Chairperson of the
13 Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Transportation;
14 Chief Energy Officer; President of the University of Hawaii;
15 Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau; President and
16 Chief Executive Officer of Airlines for America; President and
17 Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric; President and
18 Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Gas; and President and Chief
19 Executive Officer of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative.

