

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

2051

Honolulu, Hawaii

APR 11, 2025

RE: S.C.R. No. 111

Honorable Nadine K. Nakamura  
Speaker, House of Representatives  
Thirty-Third State Legislature  
Regular Session of 2025  
State of Hawaii

Madame:

Your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection, to which  
was referred S.C.R. No. 111 entitled:

"SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION DECLARING A PUBLIC HEALTH  
EMERGENCY RELATING TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND REQUESTING STATEWIDE  
COORDINATION TO IDENTIFY, PLAN FOR, AND CREATE CROSS-SECTOR  
SOLUTIONS TO STRENGTHEN HAWAII'S PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TO  
THE CLIMATE CRISIS,"

begs leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to acknowledge that climate  
change poses a dire threat to public health, declare a public  
health emergency in the State, and request entities statewide to  
actively examine how the climate considerations within their  
departments impact human health and coordinate with other  
departments to identify, plan for, and create cross-sector  
solutions to strengthen Hawaii's public health response to the  
climate crisis.

Your Committee received testimony in support of this measure  
from the Hawai'i Public Health Institute; Hawaii Climate Change and  
Health Working Group; 350Hawaii.org; Environmental Caucus of the  
Democratic Party of Hawai'i; Coalition Earth; and eight  
individuals. Your Committee received testimony in opposition to  
this measure from Wahine o Kohala and numerous individuals.

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Your Committee finds that climate change adversely impacts human health through increased heat, vector-borne diseases, crop failure, food and water insecurity, and air pollution. Your Committee further finds that the State's response to the climate crisis must involve efforts to address impacts on public health. This measure helps acknowledge the threat that climate change poses to public health and encourages a statewide, coordinated effort to develop a public health response to climate change.

As affirmed by the record of votes of the members of your Committee on Energy & Environmental Protection that is attached to this report, your Committee concurs with the intent and purpose of S.C.R. No. 111 and recommends that it be referred to your Committee on Health.

Respectfully submitted on  
behalf of the members of the  
Committee on Energy &  
Environmental Protection,

For   
NICOLE E. LOWEN, Chair



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Bill/Resolution No.: <b>SCR III</b>	Committee Referral: <b>EEP, HLT</b>	Date: <b>4/10/25</b>		
<input type="checkbox"/> The committee is reconsidering its previous decision on the measure.				
The recommendation is to: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass, unamended (as is) <input type="checkbox"/> Pass, with amendments (HD) <input type="checkbox"/> Hold <input type="checkbox"/> Pass short form bill with HD to recommit for future public hearing (recommit)				
EEP Members	Ayes	Ayes (WR)	Nays	Excused
1. LOWEN, Nicole E. (C)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
2. PERRUSO, Amy A. (VC)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
3. KAHALOA, Kirstin	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
4. KUSCH, Matthias	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
5. QUINLAN, Sean				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL (5)	4			1
The recommendation is: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Adopted <input type="checkbox"/> Not Adopted If joint referral, _____ did not support recommendation. committee acronym(s)				
Vice Chair's or designee's signature: _____				
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