
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE AND
ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS TO
DECARBONIZE HAWAI'I'S TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND SUPPORT THE
STATE'S CLIMATE GOALS.

1 WHEREAS, the transportation sector is the single largest
2 contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the State, accounting
3 for approximately forty-eight percent of total emissions in
4 Hawai'i, while the transportation sector accounts for roughly
5 thirty percent of total emissions in the United States; and
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7 WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in Hawai'i's
8 transportation system, supporting tourism, commerce, and
9 essential interisland travel; and
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11 WHEREAS, aviation is also a significant source of
12 greenhouse gas emissions within the transportation sector; and
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14 WHEREAS, sustainable aviation fuels, produced from
15 renewable feedstocks such as agricultural waste, used cooking
16 oils, and algae, offer a viable and immediate solution to
17 significantly reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions
18 associated with air travel; and
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20 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Illinois,
21 Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington, have enacted legislation and
22 established policies to encourage the production, distribution,
23 and adoption of sustainable aviation fuels; and
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25 WHEREAS, the State established goals to reduce greenhouse
26 gas emissions by fifty percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and
27 achieve net-zero emissions across all transportation sectors by
28 2045; and



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2 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Energy Office's 2023 report,
3 *Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization*, identifies increasing the
4 use of renewable liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation
5 fuels, as essential for the State to achieve its goal of
6 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; and
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8 WHEREAS, Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established
9 zero-emission goals for all modes of transportation, including
10 ground, interisland air, and interisland sea transportation; and
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12 WHEREAS, the settlement agreement in *Navahine v. Hawai'i*
13 *Department of Transportation* acknowledges the constitutional
14 right of Hawai'i's youth to a life-sustaining climate and commits
15 the State to developing a comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction
16 Plan within one year to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation
17 system over the next twenty years; and
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19 WHEREAS, the adoption and acceleration of sustainable
20 aviation fuel usage are critical for achieving the State's
21 climate goals, supporting its commitments under the *Navahine v.*
22 *Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement, and ensuring the
23 long-term sustainability of Hawai'i's transportation and tourism
24 sectors; now, therefore,
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26 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
27 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
28 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
29 Transportation is requested to facilitate and accelerate the
30 adoption of sustainable aviation fuels across Hawai'i's aviation
31 sector to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation sector and support
32 the State's climate goals; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
35 Transportation is requested to work in collaboration with the
36 Hawai'i State Energy Office, major airlines serving Hawai'i, fuel
37 producers, and other stakeholders to establish policies,
38 incentives, and infrastructure to support the production,
39 distribution, and use of sustainable aviation fuels in the
40 State; and
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
2 Transportation is requested to integrate sustainable aviation
3 fuel adoption into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan required by
4 the *Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement
5 agreement; and
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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
8 Transportation is requested to submit a report on the progress
9 made in facilitating the adoption and acceleration of
10 sustainable aviation fuels, including any proposed legislation
11 to further support this effort, to the Legislature no later than
12 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
13 2026; and
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15 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
16 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director
17 of Transportation, and Chief Energy Officer of the Hawai'i State
18 Energy Office.

