

# Hawai'i Green Growth

**Testimony of Hawai'i Green Growth  
In Support of SB 358 Relating to the Environmental Response, Energy and Food Security Tax  
Senate Committee on Energy and Environment  
Senate Committee on Agriculture  
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*Hawai'i Green Growth is a voluntary partnership of more than 70 state, county, federal, business, and non-governmental leaders from energy, food production, natural resources, waste reduction, planning, green jobs, and other sectors who have come together to support a shared statewide commitment and tangible actions toward sustainability and a model green economy.*

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Aloha Chairs Gabbard & Ruderman, Vice Chairs Green & Riviere, and Members of the Committee:

**Hawai'i Green Growth (HGG) strongly supports SB358** which increases the Environmental Response, Energy and Food Security Tax allocations for strategic, long-term funding to support critical environmental preparedness and response and solid waste reduction (\$0.15), clean energy transformation (\$0.40), food security programs (\$0.40), and Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute (\$0.10).

The Environmental Response, Energy and Food Security Tax is critical to maintain basic and existing functions of the Department of Health's emergency environmental response programs. It also provides important, ongoing support for the development and implementation of actions that will achieve the Hawai'i Clean Energy Initiative's goal to reduce the State's dependence on imported fossil fuels by 70% in 2030, and the Department of Agriculture programs aimed to at least double local food production by 2030.

SB538 will help advance action on the *Aloha+ Challenge: A Culture of Sustainability – He Nohona 'Ae'olia*, a joint leadership commitment to achieve six sustainability targets by 2030 in the areas of clean energy, local food production, natural resource management, solid waste reduction, smart growth and climate resilience, green jobs and education. The *Aloha+ Challenge* was unanimously endorsed by the 2014 Legislature (SCR 69) and signed by Hawai'i's Governor, Mayors and Office of Hawaiian Affairs. It was also internationally recognized as a model of integrated sustainability at the UN Conference on Small Island Developing States in Samoa.

We ask you to support this bill to make critical investments that will allow these sectors to achieve their goals in increasing Hawai'i's self-sufficiency and provide reliable funding to ensure Hawai'i is ready to respond to environmental emergencies.

Mahalo,



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*Bringing leaders together to achieve sustainability in Hawai'i & be a model for a green economy*

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by the Members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association  
Hawaii's franchised new car dealers

Chairs Gabbard and Rudderman, vice chairs Green and Riviere and members of the committees:

I am David Rolf, representing the members of the Hawaii Automobile Dealers Association, Hawaii's franchised new car dealers, who have remained strong in their support of the transition to renewable energy for use in vehicles in Hawaii. The association supports using the barrel tax for the energy and food security purposes for which it was intended.

We note, though, that using the additional monies generated by the proposed reallocation to fill state positions carries long term pension and health care obligations for the State which do not appear accounted for in the bill. Also clarity on how the monies will be used is needed.

With need for the State to help provide hydrogen fueling station infrastructure for clean energy vehicles like the incoming hydrogen fuel cell electric vehicles, the first of which is arriving this year, it seems appropriate to direct some of the barrel tax funding for this purpose, the amount of which can be determined by the Ways and Means committee.

Respectfully submitted,  
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