SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYORS OF THE STATE'S COUNTIES TO SUBMIT A PLAN
DETAILING HOW EACH COUNTY WILL MEET ITS PLEDGE TO ELIMINATE
FOSSIL FUELS FROM GROUND TRANSPORTATION BY 2045.

WHEREAS, Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels drains the state economy of billions of dollars each year, and the volatility of imported fuel prices creates significant risks for the economy and adds to costs for local families; and

WHEREAS, the use of fossil fuels reduces air quality and contributes to climate change through increased greenhouse gas emissions in the atmosphere; and

WHEREAS, on a per-mile basis, it is less expensive to commute in an electric vehicle than it is to commute in a gas-powered vehicle; and

WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Energy Office, ground transportation accounted for an estimated twenty-six percent of Hawaii's fossil fuel usage in 2015; and

WHEREAS, of the more than one million passenger vehicles registered in the State, only about six thousand nine hundred are fully electric and only about twenty-five thousand are hybrid vehicles; and

WHEREAS, on December 12, 2017, the Mayors of the City and County of Honolulu, County of Maui, County of Hawaii, and County of Kauai signed a corresponding proclamation to eliminate fossil fuels from all ground transportation, public and private, by 2045; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu and the County of Maui also pledged to transition all of their fleet vehicles to one hundred percent clean energy by 2035; now, therefore,

 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018, the House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of Honolulu, County of Maui, County of Hawaii, and County of Kauai Mayors are requested to submit a plan detailing how each county intends to meet its pledge of eliminating fossil fuels from ground transportation by 2045; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to consider installing electric vehicle charging ports and converting its bus fleets to renewable technology as part of its plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to submit its plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the start of the Regular Session of 2019; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.