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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Joshua L Cooper	Testifying for Hawai'i Institute for Human Rights	Support	In Person

Comments:

ery powerful and fitting for Hawai'i to be the first state to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty because:

Aloha

I am honored to participate and be present testimony in favor of Hawai'i continuing its global leadership in field of sustainable development, human and earth rights as well as climate justice.

Hawai'i first recognized the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples recognizing the spiritual and famial relationship between humanity and our planet. Hawai'i has continued to match the promises with policies and practices to Malama Honua.

Hawai'i recently was the first U.S. state to declare a cllimate emergency recognizing the fragility and fortitude of our islands. Hawai'i is experiencing multiple impacts of the climate crisis and therefore taking necessary actions to change courwse and remove fossil fuels from our energy diet. With the daily news of impacts on island earth, we must accelerate actions for a fossil free future.

An endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is consisten with our previous commitment from Hawai'i to the UN 2030 Agenda anc the UNFCCC Paris Agreement.

We look forward to continue partnering with fellow civil society and the state to guarantee the UN Sustainable Development Goals for the people of Hawai'i and Moananuiakea.

Maluhia Me Ka Pono

Joshua Cooper

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Peter Greenhill	Individual	Support	In Person

Comments:

We are at a very urgent point in the decline of our planet's environment. It would send a powerful message and lead to concrete action if the State of Hawaii were to endorse the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. It would mean that Hawai'i is taking the lead in the USA on this issue, which is consistent with it's earlier leadership on clean energy, sustainable energy, and related issues like International Day of Peace and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It would be consistent with our state's values of aloha aina and malama honua. By all means, we need to adopt SCR108.

Peace and aloha,

Peter J. Greenhill

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Submitted on: 3/28/2022 12:34:00 PM

Testimony for GVO on 3/29/2022 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Ted Bohlen	Testifying for Climate Protectors Hawai'i	Support	Remotely Via Zoom

Comments:

To: The Honorable Senator Sharon Moriwaki, Chair, and the Honorable Senator Donovan Dela Cruz, Vice Chair, and members of the Committee on Government Operations, and

The Honorable Michael Gabbard, Chair, The Honorable Clarence Nishihara, Vice Chair, and Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment

From: Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing SCR 108 AFFIRMING HAWAI'I'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF THE PARIS CLIMATE AGREEMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

Tuesday March 29, 2022 at 3:00 p.m.

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Nishihara, and members of the Senate Committees on Government Operations and Agriculture and Environment!

Position: **The Climate Protectors Hawai'i SUPPORTS SCR108!**

This concurrent resolution would reaffirm the State's ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the UN Sustainable Development Goals, and the GHG reduction targets as called for by the IPCC, and would pledge to meet the State's proportionate greenhouse gas reductions under the Paris Climate Agreement.

A new global initiative is underway calling for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and accelerate equitable transition plans. Under this Concurrent Resolution, the State and each county are requested to formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

As a tropical island State, Hawai'i will be among the first places harmed by the global climate crisis, with more intense storms, food insecurity, droughts, fires, loss of protective coral reefs, and rising sea levels destroying our shorelines. We must do all we can to reduce our carbon footprint and become carbon negative as soon as possible. **Hawai'i can and should be a leader**

in showing the world the way forward towards a safe and sustainable climate and future.

The sooner we inspire others to take action and lead by example, the better off the future will be for our keiki.

Please adopt this Concurrent Resolution to help Hawaii lead in showing the world the way forward towards a safe and sustainable climate and future.

Mahalo!

Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Date: 3/28/22

To: Senator Sharon Y. Moriwaki, Chair
Senator Donovan M. Dela Cruz, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Government Operations (GVO)

Senator Mike Gabbard, Chair
Senator Clarence K. Nishihara, Vice-Chair
Members of the Senate Committee on Agriculture and the Environment (AEN)

From: Tyler Levine

Re: **SUPPORT for SCR108**

Hearing: **3/29/22, Tuesday, 3:00 pm**

Aloha,

My name is Tyler Levine and I am a 17-year-old homeschool student currently residing on the island of Oahu. Thank you for the opportunity to testify in **support of SCR108**, which offers endorsement from the State of Hawaii on the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

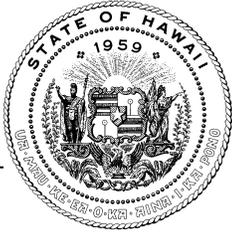
I offer my voice today as a seed of the present with the potential to grow into a future tree. As a youth, it is quite scary to see the world that lies ahead of me. With escalating variability in climatic patterns, trade architecture, global pandemics, social relations and more, the dramatic disarray humanity is experiencing poses a threat to every dimension of life.

We youth are being placed in a world that is quite literally falling apart, with no means to correct the predicament. This is because the interests of fossil fuel industries and "business as usual" are not weighed against the people who do not have the right to vote.

To rewrite the history of our future, it is imperative that Hawaii as a state endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty to start a transition towards equitable green jobs and clean renewable energy.

In summary, I respectfully request that you please pass this resolution!!

Sincerely,
Tyler Levine



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Testimony of
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before the
**SENATE COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS
AND
COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE AND ENVIRONMENT**

Tuesday, March 29, 2022
3:00 PM
State Capitol, Conference Room 016 and Videoconference

**SUPPORT
SCR 108/SR 95
AFFIRMING HAWAII'S ONGOING COMMITMENT TO THE GOALS OF THE PARIS
CLIMATE AGREEMENT, THE UNITED NATIONS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT
GOALS AND ENDORSEMENT OF THE FOSSIL FUEL NON-PROLIFERATION
TREATY.**

Chairs Moriwake and Gabbard, and Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Nishihara, and Members of the Committees, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) supports SCR 108 and SR 95, which affirm Hawai'i's ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Michelle Bachelet, called on UN Member States to take bold actions to give prompt and real effect to the right to a clean, healthy, and sustainable environment described in resolution 48/13 passed by the Human Rights Council in February this year. In her plea, the High Commissioner described the triple planetary threats of climate change, pollution, and nature loss as the single greatest human rights challenge of our era¹. The resolution also underlines that the most vulnerable segments of the population are more acutely impacted.

UN HRC Resolution 48/13² is in alignment with the Hawai'i State Constitution Article XI Section 9. It also aligns with Senate Concurrent Resolution 44 (2021), which

¹ <https://news.un.org/en/story/2021/10/1102582>

² <https://documents-dds-ny.un.org/doc/UNDOC/GEN/G21/289/50/PDF/G2128950.pdf?OpenElement>

declared a climate emergency and called for a just clean energy transition to a decarbonized economy, including action that is rooted in “the belief that people locally and around the world have the right to clean, healthy, and adequate air, water, and land, food, education, and shelter.”

The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty builds on the success of international campaigns to ban land mines and nuclear weapons by supporting a phase down of fossil fuel exploration and production consistent with a 1.5-degree Celsius global warming target in line with the Paris Agreement. In researching the Treaty, HSEO finds that the principles and actions it calls for are consistent with the above constitutional provision and concurrent resolution, as well as with Hawai'i's nation-leading laws to achieve a 100% renewable portfolio standard for electricity³, mitigate and adapt to climate change consistent with the Paris Agreement⁴, achieve net-negative greenhouse gas emissions⁵, and ending the use of coal in Hawai'i⁶.

Furthermore, HSEO believes that many of the actions the Treaty⁷ calls endorser to undertake are already occurring in Hawai'i and consistent with state policies and activities, including:

- Publicly endorse the need for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty or use language explicitly acknowledging the need for global cooperation and new agreements and treaties on transitioning from fossil fuels: e.g. “Call for enhanced and focused international cooperation and agreements to transition from the production of fossil fuels in line with 1.5 degrees warming, and enable a globally just transition.”
 - Hawai'i has already taken this action in form of language as used in the example.
- Join or convene with other governments as leading a club of countries focused on a globally just transition from fossil fuels, particularly on the elements requiring

³ Act 97, Session Laws of Hawai'i (SLH) 2015.

⁴ Act 32, SLH 2017.

⁵ Act 15, SLH 2018.

⁶ Act 23, SLH 2020.

⁷<https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5dd3cc5b7fd99372fbb04561/t/6178bd5389fa492c37894a11/1635302740331/Briefing+%E2%80%93+C2%A0Fossil+Fuel+Non-Proliferation+Treaty.pdf>

international action, cooperation and support. This could be through existing groups such as BOGA, new ones, or groups within existing forums (e.g. UNFCCC or UNGA).

- Hawai'i has already taken this action by participating in the UN Conference of Parties and by joining the Under2 Coalition, the Powering Past Coal Alliance, and the US Climate Alliance.
- Publicly endorse the need for a Global Registry of Fossil Fuels, and support the idea that it should be hosted by an independent body such as UNEP.
 - While Hawai'i has not taken this action, a related step that Hawai'i has taken is the Legislature tasking HSEO with being a data clearinghouse that includes fossil fuels data.
- Include supply-side actions and plans for international cooperation on fossil fuel supply in submissions and proposals to the UNFCCC, including in their Nationally Determined Commitments.
 - Hawai'i has already supported international supply side actions and plans for international cooperation through activities such as joining the Powering Past Coal Alliance.
- Offer to use the good offices of the government or head of state to host a Global Commission, or global report, on the issue of the non-proliferation of fossil fuels.
 - Hawai'i has not undertaken this action but could host events to convene these discussions and further elevate Hawaii's leadership while simultaneously promoting renewable energy and tourism.
- Commit to the supply side policies listed above domestically, particularly a moratorium on new expansion.
 - Hawai'i has already undertaken this action through its renewable portfolio standards and coal ban laws.

For these reasons, HSEO supports Hawai'i joining the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

Thank you for supporting this resolution and for the opportunity to testify.



To: The Senate Committee on Government Operations (GVO)
and
The Senate Committee on Agriculture and Environment (AEN)
From: Sherry Pollack, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Monday, March 29, 2022, 3:00pm

In strong support of SCR108/SR95

Aloha Chairs Moriwaki and Gabbard, Vice Chairs Dela Cruz and Nishihara, and members of the GVO and AEN committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. **350Hawaii.org strongly supports SCR108/SR95, and is proud our organization has formally endorsed the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty** that would end new fossil fuel exploration and expansion, phase out existing production in line with the global commitment to limit warming to 1.5 degrees Celsius, and accelerate equitable transition plans.

This resolution affirms Hawaii's ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, and endorses the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty. Climate change, like nuclear weapons, is a major global threat. And let's be clear, **the main cause of the climate emergency is fossil fuels.** According to the United Nations IPCC report, coal, oil and gas are responsible for 86% of all carbon dioxide emissions in the past decade. Scientists have made clear that we must swiftly phase out fossil fuel use or face untold suffering. We no longer have the luxury to wait to take the necessary actions to drastically reduce our greenhouse gas emissions.

The pillars of the proposed Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty call for an immediate end to expansion of new coal, oil and gas production, winding down existing production in line with the Paris Agreement target of 1.5°C, and global support in a just transition to ensure no worker, community or country is left behind. Phasing out fossil fuel production, and fast-tracking progress towards safer and more cost-effective alternatives, will require unprecedented international cooperation. Hawaii can and should be leaders in showing the world the way forward towards a safe and sustainable climate and future. The sooner we inspire others to take action and lead by example, the better off the future will be for our children.

Scientists have declared that the decade we are in right now is one of the most consequential decades for our climate future. **Children living today will live to see a 1.5°C warmer world because of the failure of adults to take real action when there still was time to do so.** SCR108/SR95 and calling for the State and each county to formally endorse the call for a Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is a step forward in these efforts.

We urge you to support these very important resolutions. Mahalo for the opportunity to testify.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org



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TO: AEN Chair Mike Gabbard, AEN Vice Chair Clarence Nishihara, GVO Chair Sharon Morkiwaki , GVO Vice Chair Donovan Dela Cruz, AEN Legislators Laura Acasio, Kurt Fevella, Karl Rhoads, GVO Legislators Stanley Chang, Kurt Fevella, and Mike Gabbard

FROM: Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA)

SUBJECT: Testimony in Support of SCR108 - Affirming Hawaii's ongoing commitment to the goals of the Paris Climate Agreement, the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and endorsement of the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty.

Dear Hawaii Legislators,

On behalf of the Directors of the Hawai'i Forest Industry Association (HFIA), I encourage you to support SCR108, specifically asking that you urge the state and counties to endorse the Fossil Fuel Nonproliferation Treaty.

We know that as both a global community and a local one, we cannot continue to burn fossil fuels at our current rate without experiencing various extreme hardships. We also know that a clean energy transition presents global, and local opportunities. A clean energy transition and refusal to continue our reliance on fossil fuels offers us numerous benefits such as job creation, reduced green-house gas emissions, limiting or reducing future extreme weather events, limiting or reducing future infectious disease outbreaks, limiting or reducing the likelihood and frequency of future food and water shortages, limiting or reducing sea level rise, limiting or reducing the frequency and severity of coral bleaching events, limiting or reducing ecological degradation and loss of biodiversity... the list goes on. As an island community, with limited resources, higher costs of imported resources, high rates of low income residents, and a diverse population including many native Hawaiians and other peoples of color - who studies show feel and will feel the negative effects of climate change the most - it makes sense that we must agree and aggressively act upon reducing our fossil fuel reliance and increasing our clean energy production in order to benefit from the above listed opportunities, rather than unnecessarily suffer from the hardships we could potentially face instead.

As an association consisting of people who are specifically concerned with promoting healthy and productive forests, but generally concerned with climate health and the wellbeing of current and future generations, we hope that you will support this resolution. If its contents are carried out successfully good will come for the environment and people both globally and locally, here in Hawaii Nei.

Mahalo,

Don Bryan

Don Bryan, President

Hawai'i Forest Industry Association

Established in 1989, HFIA's is a nonprofit organization founded by people committed to sustainable forest management.

HFIA's mission is to promote healthy and productive forests and a sustainable forest industry through management, education, planning, information exchange, and advocacy. HFIA has over 100 members including woodworkers, landowners, sawyers, foundations, foresters, growers, educators, environmentalists, architects, millers, ranchers, and others interested in HFIA's mission and goals.

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Debbie Millikan	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Mahalo for the opportunity to provide testimony in support of this critical resolution. The resolution celebrates and continues the commitment our state and local governments have made to addressing climate change. My work focuses on climate change education, K-12, and with every demonstration of that commitment, our youth are more likely to feel empowered and engaged.

Mahalo nui