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Statement of  
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before the  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS & INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS**  
and  
**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

Friday, April 14, 2023  
10:00 AM  
State Capitol, Conference Room 309

In consideration of  
**SCR 176, SD1**

**ENCOURAGING THE STATE'S COLLABORATION WITH SISTER-STATES ON  
GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP.**

Chairs Tam and Lowen, Vice Chairs Martinez and Cochran and members of the Committees. The Department of Business, Economic Development and Tourism (DBEDT) supports SCR 176, SD1 which encourages the state's collaboration with sister-states on global environmental leadership.

Each Sister-State relationship involves a signed agreement of both parties stating areas of potential collaboration. Many of these agreements already include environmental areas of cooperation. DBEDT will continue to emphasize the importance of this extremely important issue in our on-going discussions with our Sister-State partners.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.





**HOUSE COMMITTEE ON CULTURE, ARTS, AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS  
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

April 14, 2023, 10:00 AM  
Room 309

**TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR 176 SD1**

Aloha Chair Tam, Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Martinez, Vice Chair Cochran, and members of the committees:

Blue Planet Foundation **supports SCR 176**, which encourages collaboration with other subnational governments to support the global movement towards climate action. Unprecedented levels of collaboration and information-sharing will be needed to meet the global challenge of climate change if we hope to act in time to avoid its worst impacts.

In 2015, Hawai'i became the first state in the United States to set a goal to achieve 100% renewable energy. Today, more than a dozen states and territories have set their own targets for 100% clean energy. Now eight years into the implementation, Hawai'i's clean energy transition is unfolding in important and instructive ways. Our journey is showing how bold energy targets can save billions of dollars, reduce carbon emissions, increase energy and economic security, foster stronger public and private collaboration, unlock innovation, and help utility companies thrive while creating new approaches to value creation. We have also encountered policy roadblocks and are learning important lessons about access to financing, community participation in project siting, balancing land use priorities, and ensuring affordability. We're seeing firsthand that unprecedented transformation requires a multi-pronged approach.

As more municipalities, states, and countries set bold renewable energy targets, they, too, are experiencing new achievements and learning useful lessons. With enhanced collaboration among subnational governments, we can learn from each other and accelerate our collective action. Hawai'i can be, and should be, an important contributor in these global climate conversations.

**Please pass SCR 176.**

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony.

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To: The Honorable Chairs Adrian Tam and Nicole Lowen, the Honorable Vice Chairs Rose Martinez and Elle Cochran, and Members of the Committees on Culture, Arts, and International Affairs and Energy and Environment

From: Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

Re: Hearing **SCR176 SD1 ENCOURAGING THE STATE'S COLLABORATION WITH SISTER-STATES ON GLOBAL ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP.**

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Aloha Chairs Tam and Lowen, Vice Chairs Martinez and Cochran, and Members of the Committees on Culture, Arts and International Affairs and Energy and Environment:

The Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition (HIROC) is a group of scientists, educators, filmmakers and environmental advocates who have been working since 2017 to protect Hawaii's coral reefs and ocean. HIROC sees a great benefit in working with sister-states and other nations and subnational governments to protect coral reefs in Hawaii and elsewhere.

The Climate Protectors Hawai'i seek to educate and engage the local community in climate change action, to help Hawai'i show the world the way back to a safe and stable climate. Climate Protectors Hawai'i sees a great benefit in working

with sister-states and other nations and subnational governments to mitigate the climate emergency throughout the country and the world.

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**Hawai'i stands to benefit from global meetings by learning about, and perhaps sharing, innovative ways to mitigate climate change and threats to coral reefs.**

**Please pass concurrent resolution SCR176 SD1!**

Mahalo!

Hawai'i Reef and Ocean Coalition and Climate Protectors Hawai'i (by Ted Bohlen)

**SCR-176-SD-1**

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Testimony for CAI on 4/14/2023 10:00:00 AM

<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
Andrew Crossland	Individual	Oppose	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I oppose the unnecessary actions this Resolution proposes which are based on climate change propaganda.