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## HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE HAWAII STATE ENERGY OFFICE TO CONVENE A RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS WORKING GROUP TO STUDY LOCAL PRODUCTION, DEVELOPMENT, AND INCENTIVES FOR RENEWABLE LIQUID FUELS.

1           WHEREAS, the transportation sector significantly  
2 contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, and renewable liquid  
3 fuels offer a viable solution to mitigate greenhouse gas  
4 emissions across various modes of transportation, including  
5 aviation; and

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7           WHEREAS, several states, including California, Illinois,  
8 Oregon, and Washington, have enacted legislation to encourage  
9 the production and utilization of renewable liquid fuels,  
10 including sustainable aviation fuel; and

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12           WHEREAS, the State is heavily dependent on various modes of  
13 transportation for tourism, commerce, and inter-island travel,  
14 is particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change,  
15 and has a vested interest in fostering a comprehensive, diverse  
16 portfolio of renewable liquid fuels; and

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18           WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledged the critical role of  
19 incentivizing and accelerating the production of renewable  
20 liquid fuels by enacting the Renewable Fuels Production Tax  
21 Credit in Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and

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23           WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Energy Office's Hawai'i 2023  
24 Pathways to Decarbonization report to the Legislature highlights  
25 the need to increase the use of renewable liquid fuels in order  
26 for the State to achieve its goal of net zero greenhouse gas  
27 emissions; and

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29           WHEREAS, establishing a working group to explore how to  
30 best facilitate and incentivize the production of a range of  
31 renewable liquid fuels in Hawaii could provide valuable insights



1 and recommendations for promoting the adoption and development  
2 of this critical sector; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
5 Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
6 Session of 2024, that the Hawaii State Energy Office is  
7 requested to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels Working Group to  
8 study local production, development, and incentives for  
9 renewable liquid fuels; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
12 to consist of the following members, who are requested to select  
13 a chairperson from among themselves:

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- 15 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the  
16 President of the Senate;
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- 18 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be  
19 appointed by the Speaker of the House of  
20 Representatives;
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- 22 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the  
23 Chairperson's designee;
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- 25 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
26 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 28 (5) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's  
29 designee;
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- 31 (6) The Chief Energy Officer, or the Chief Energy  
32 Officer's designee; and
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- 34 (7) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the  
35 President's designee; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the working  
38 group is requested to invite the following individuals to  
39 participate in the working group:

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- 41 (1) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau;

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- 1 (2) A representative from Airlines for America;
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- 3 (3) A representative from Hawaiian Electric;
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- 5 (4) A representative from Hawaii Gas;
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- 7 (5) A representative from the Kauai Island Utility
- 8 Cooperative;
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- 10 (6) A representative from local feedstock producers;
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- 12 (7) A representative from local fuel producers;
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- 14 (8) A representative from a non-profit organization with a
- 15 focus on climate change mitigation, environmental
- 16 sustainability, or renewable energy; and
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- 18 (9) Other interested stakeholders, as invited by the
- 19 chairperson; and

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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
22 to:

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- 24 (1) Facilitate the local production of renewable liquid
- 25 fuels, including renewable diesel, naphtha, and
- 26 sustainable aviation fuels;
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- 28 (2) Identify potential feedstock and production
- 29 technologies suitable for production and use within
- 30 the State;
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- 32 (3) Evaluate existing and potential new tax incentives for
- 33 the development and utilization of renewable liquid
- 34 fuels in Hawaii; and
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- 36 (4) Evaluate the adoption of a clean fuel standard to
- 37 incentivize the use of renewable liquid fuels; and
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39 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
40 to meet no less than twice a year; and

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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
2 to submit to the Governor and Legislature:

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4 (1) A report providing an update of its work and progress  
5 no later than December 1, 2025; and

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7 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,  
8 including any proposed legislation, no later than  
9 December 1, 2026; and

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11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
12 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Board of  
13 Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural  
14 Resources; Director of Transportation; Chief Energy Officer;  
15 President of the University of Hawaii; Executive Director of the  
16 Hawaii Farm Bureau; President and Chief Executive Officer of  
17 Airlines for America; President and Chief Executive Officer of  
18 Hawaiian Electric; Chief Executive Officer of Hawaii Gas; and  
19 Chief Executive Officer of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative.

