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# SENATE CONCURRENT 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 for the  
26 State to achieve its goal of net zero greenhouse gas emissions;  
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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



1 renewable liquid fuels in Hawaii could provide valuable insights  
2 and recommendations for promoting the adoption and development  
3 of this critical sector; now, therefore,

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

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12 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested  
13 to consist of the following members, who are requested to select  
14 from among themselves a member to serve as Chairperson:

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- 16 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
- 17 President of the Senate;
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- 19 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
- 20 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
- 21 Representatives;
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- 23 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
- 24 Chairperson's designee;
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- 26 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
- 27 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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- 29 (5) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
- 30 designee;
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- 32 (6) The Chief Energy Officer, or the Chief Energy
- 33 Officer's designee; and
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- 35 (7) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the
- 36 President's designee; and
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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairperson of the working  
39 group is requested to invite the following individuals to  
40 participate in the working group:

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



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- (2) A representative from the airline industry;
- (3) A representative from local feedstock producers;
- (4) A representative from local fuel producers;
- (5) A representative from a nonprofit organization with a focus on climate change mitigation, environmental sustainability, or renewable energy;
- (6) A representative from a local fuel importer with statewide logistical supply and distribution capability; and
- (7) Any others, as invited by the Chairperson; and

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

- (1) Identify potential feedstock and production technologies suitable for the local production of renewable liquid fuels, including renewable diesel, naphtha, and sustainable aviation fuels;
- (2) Identify costs, benefits, and risks of local renewable liquid fuel production; and
- (3) Evaluate existing and potential new incentives for the development and utilization of renewable liquid fuels in the State; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested to meet no less than twice a year; and

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

- (1) A report providing an update of its work and progress no later than January 1, 2025; and



1 (2) A final report of its findings and recommendations,  
2 including any proposed legislation, no later than  
3 January 1, 2026; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
6 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
7 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture; Chairperson of the  
8 Board of Land and Natural Resources; Director of Transportation;  
9 Chief Energy Officer; President of the University of Hawaii; and  
10 Executive Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau.

