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

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
11 to consist of the following members who shall select one of them
12 to serve as Chairperson:

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14 (1) A member of the Senate, to be appointed by the
15 President of the Senate;
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17 (2) A member of the House of Representatives, to be
18 appointed by the Speaker of the House of
19 Representatives;
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21 (3) The Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture, or the
22 Chairperson's designee;
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24 (4) The Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
25 Resources, or the Chairperson's designee;
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27 (5) The Director of Transportation, or the Director's
28 designee;
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30 (6) The Chief Energy Officer, or the Chief Energy
31 Officer's designee; and
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33 (7) The President of the University of Hawaii, or the
34 President's designee; and

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

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40 (1) A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau;
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42 (2) A representative from Airlines for America;



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- 2 (3) A representative from Hawaiian Electric;
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- 4 (4) A representative from Hawaii Gas;
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- 6 (5) A representative from the Kauai Island Utility
- 7 Cooperative;
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- 9 (6) A representative from local feedstock producers;
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- 11 (7) A representative from local fuel producers; and
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- 13 (8) A representative from a non-profit organization with a
- 14 focus on climate change mitigation, environmental
- 15 sustainability, or renewable energy; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
18 to:

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

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

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

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

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

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