

HOUSE 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.

WHEREAS, the transportation sector significantly 1 contributes to greenhouse gas emissions, and renewable liquid 2 fuels offer a viable solution to mitigate greenhouse gas 3 emissions across various modes of transportation, including 4 5 aviation; and 6 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Illinois, 7 Oregon, and Washington, have enacted legislation to encourage 8 9 the production and utilization of renewable liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation fuel; and 10 11 12 WHEREAS, the State is heavily dependent on various modes of 13 transportation for tourism, commerce, and inter-island travel; is particularly susceptible to the impacts of climate change; 14 and has a vested interest in fostering a comprehensive, diverse 15 portfolio of renewable liquid fuels; and 16 17 WHEREAS, the Legislature acknowledged the critical role of 18 incentivizing and accelerating the production of renewable 19 liquid fuels by enacting the Renewable Fuels Production Tax 20 Credit in Act 202, Session Laws of Hawaii 2016; and 21 22 23 WHEREAS, the Hawaii State Energy Office's Hawai'i 2023 Pathways to Decarbonization report to the Legislature highlights 24 the need to increase the use of renewable liquid fuels in order 25 for the State to achieve its goal of net zero greenhouse gas 26 emissions; and 27 28 29 WHEREAS, establishing a working group to explore how to best facilitate and incentivize the production of a range of 30 renewable liquid fuels in Hawaii could provide valuable insights 31





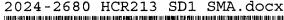
1 2		nendations for promoting the adoption and development ritical sector; now, therefore,	
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4	BE I	I RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the	
5	Thirty-second Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular		
6	Session of 2024, the Senate concurring, that the Hawaii State		
7	Energy Of:	fice is requested to convene a Renewable Liquid Fuels	
8	Working G	roup to study local production, development, and	
9	incentives	s for renewable liquid fuels; and	
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11	BE I	I FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested	
12	to consist	t of the following members, who are requested to select	
13	a chairpe:	rson 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		I FURTHER RESOLVED that the chairperson of the working	
38		requested to invite the following individuals to	
39	participa	te in the working group:	
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41	(1)	A representative from the Hawaii Farm Bureau;	
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43	(2)	A representative from Airlines for America;	
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1 2	(3)	A representative from Hawaiian Electric;
2 3 4	(4)	A representative from Hawaii Gas;
5 6 7	(5)	A representative from the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative;
8 9 10	(6)	A representative from the Airlines Committee of Hawaii;
10 11 12	(7)	A representative from local feedstock producers;
13 14	(8)	A representative from local fuel producers;
15 16 17 18	(9)	A representative from a nonprofit organization with a focus on climate change mitigation, environmental sustainability, or renewable energy;
19 20	(10)	A representative from a local fuel distributor; and
21 22	(11)	Other interested stakeholders, as invited by the chairperson; and
23 24 25	BE I to:	I FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested
26 27 28 29 30	(1)	Facilitate the local production of renewable liquid fuels, including renewable diesel, naphtha, and sustainable aviation fuels;
30 31 32 33 34	(2)	Identify potential feedstock and production technologies suitable for production and use within the State;
35 36 37 38	(3)	Evaluate existing and potential new tax incentives for the development and utilization of renewable liquid fuels in Hawaii; and
39 40 41	(4)	Evaluate the adoption of a clean fuel standard to incentivize the use of renewable liquid fuels; and
42 43 44		T FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested o less than twice a year; and





BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the working group is requested 1 2 to submit to the Governor and Legislature a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed 3 4 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2025; and 5 6 7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the 8 Board of Agriculture; Chairperson of the Board of Land and 9 10 Natural Resources; Director of Transportation; Chief Energy Officer; President of the University of Hawaii; Executive 11 Director of the Hawaii Farm Bureau; President and Chief 12 Executive Officer of Airlines for America; President and Chief 13 Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric; Chief Executive Officer 14 15 of Hawaii Gas; and Chief Executive Officer of Kauai Island Utility Cooperative. 16

