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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 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  
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 are requested to select  
12 from among themselves a member 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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- (3) A representative from Hawaiian Electric;
- (4) A representative from Hawaii Gas;
- (5) A representative from the Kauai Island Utility Cooperative;
- (6) A representative from local feedstock producers;
- (7) A representative from local fuel producers;
- (8) A representative from a nonprofit organization with a focus on climate change mitigation, environmental sustainability, or renewable energy;
- (9) A representative from a local fuel importer with statewide logistical supply and distribution capability; and
- (10) Any others, as invited by the Chairperson; and

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

- (1) Facilitate the local production of renewable liquid fuels, including renewable diesel, naphtha, and sustainable aviation fuels;
- (2) Identify potential feedstock and production technologies suitable for production and use within the State;
- (3) Evaluate existing and potential new tax incentives for the development and utilization of renewable liquid fuels in the State; and
- (4) Evaluate the adoption of a clean fuel standard to incentivize the use of renewable liquid fuels; and

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



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

