

**HR-161**

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Aloha!

My name is Zoe Tuchshnieder and I strongly support HR161, to take action and reduce the carbon emissions arising from airplane transportation to and from our beautiful state of Hawaii.

Without a doubt, flying and airplanes contribute significantly to carbon emissions, which directly endangers the health and well-being of our people and ecosystems in addition to making climate change worse. To reduce these pollutants and protect the environment, the Department of Health, the Department of Transportation, and the Department of Land and Natural Resources must act now.

By passing HR161, you provide a clear message that the State of Hawaii is committed to leading the way in environmentally friendly public transportation practices. It is estimated that a quarter of the world's total emissions will come from flying by 2050, and if we do not make a change soon we will see the consequences. If this bill were to be passed it would force our government to implement new strategies to reduce our carbon footprint, for example, finding alternative fuel options, becoming plastic-free on flights, and encouraging airports to use renewable energy, like solar or wind power, to run their operations.

Hawaii has set an example to the rest of the United States by establishing a goal of achieving 70% clean energy by 2023, therefore, working on reducing the pollution from airplanes fits with our state's plan to become more environmentally friendly. Living in Hawaii, we have seen the damage that climate change has had on us like harming native species and reducing the amount of freshwater we have, which is why we cannot wait any longer to make changes

Thus, I respectfully ask that the Committees PASS this bill. Mahalo!