
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE AND ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS TO DECARBONIZE HAWAII'S TRANSPORTATION SECTOR AND SUPPORT THE STATE'S CLIMATE GOALS.

1 WHEREAS, the transportation sector is the single largest
2 contributor to greenhouse gas emissions in the State, accounting
3 for approximately forty-eight percent of total emissions in
4 Hawai'i, compared to roughly thirty percent for the rest of the
5 United States; and

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7 WHEREAS, aviation plays a critical role in Hawai'i's
8 transportation system, supporting tourism, commerce, and
9 essential interisland travel; and

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11 WHEREAS, aviation is also a significant source of
12 greenhouse gas emissions within the transportation sector; and

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14 WHEREAS, sustainable aviation fuels, produced from
15 renewable feedstocks such as agricultural waste, used cooking
16 oils, and algae, offer a viable and immediate solution to
17 significantly reduce the lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions
18 associated with air travel; and

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20 WHEREAS, several states, including California, Illinois,
21 Minnesota, Oregon, and Washington, have enacted legislation and
22 established policies to encourage the production, distribution,
23 and adoption of sustainable aviation fuels; and

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25 WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Energy Office's 2023 report,
26 *Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization*, identifies increasing the
27 use of renewable liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation



1 fuels, as essential for the State to achieve its goal of
2 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; and

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4 WHEREAS, Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established
5 zero-emission goals for all modes of transportation, including
6 ground, interisland air, and interisland sea transportation; and

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8 WHEREAS, the settlement agreement in *Navahine v. Hawai'i*
9 *Department of Transportation* acknowledges the constitutional
10 right of Hawai'i's youth to a life-sustaining climate and commits
11 the State to developing a comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction
12 Plan within one year to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation
13 system over the next twenty years; and

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15 WHEREAS, the adoption and acceleration of sustainable
16 aviation fuel usage is critical for achieving the State's
17 climate goals, supporting its commitments under the *Navahine v.*
18 *Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement, and ensuring the
19 long-term sustainability of Hawai'i's transportation and tourism
20 sectors; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
23 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
24 of 2025, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
25 Transportation is requested to facilitate and accelerate the
26 adoption of sustainable aviation fuels across Hawai'i's aviation
27 sector to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation sector and support
28 the State's climate goals; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
31 Transportation is requested to work in collaboration with the
32 Hawai'i State Energy Office, major airlines serving Hawai'i, fuel
33 producers, and other stakeholders to establish policies,
34 incentives, and infrastructure to support the production,
35 distribution, and use of sustainable aviation fuels in the
36 State; and

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38 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
39 Transportation is requested to integrate sustainable aviation
40 fuel adoption into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan required by



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1 the *Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement
2 agreement; and

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of Transportation is requested to submit a report on the progress made in facilitating the adoption and acceleration of sustainable aviation fuels, including any proposed legislation to further support this effort, to the Legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of 2026; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of Transportation, and Chief Energy Officer of the Hawai'i State Energy Office.

OFFERED BY:



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