
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO FACILITATE AND ACCELERATE THE ADOPTION OF SUSTAINABLE AVIATION FUELS TO DECARBONIZE HAWAI'I'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
28 fuels, as essential for the State to achieve its goal of
29 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; and

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1 WHEREAS, Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established
2 zero-emission goals for all modes of transportation, including
3 ground, interisland air, and interisland sea transportation; and
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5 WHEREAS, the settlement agreement in *Navahine v. Hawai'i*
6 *Department of Transportation* acknowledges the constitutional
7 right of Hawai'i's youth to a life-sustaining climate and commits
8 the State to developing a comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction
9 Plan within one year to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation
10 system over the next twenty years; and
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12 WHEREAS, the adoption and acceleration of sustainable
13 aviation fuel usage is critical for achieving the State's
14 climate goals, supporting its commitments under the *Navahine v.*
15 *Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement, and ensuring the
16 long-term sustainability of Hawai'i's transportation and tourism
17 sectors; now, therefore,
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19 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
20 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
21 of 2025, that the Department of Transportation is requested to
22 facilitate and accelerate the adoption of sustainable aviation
23 fuels across Hawai'i's aviation sector to decarbonize Hawai'i's
24 transportation sector and support the State's climate goals; and
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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
27 Transportation is requested to work in collaboration with the
28 Hawai'i State Energy Office, major airlines serving Hawai'i, fuel
29 producers, and other stakeholders to establish policies,
30 incentives, and infrastructure to support the production,
31 distribution, and use of sustainable aviation fuels in the
32 State; and
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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
35 Transportation is requested to integrate sustainable aviation
36 fuel adoption into the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Plan required by
37 the *Navahine v. Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement
38 agreement; and
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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of
41 Transportation is requested to submit a report on the progress



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1 made in facilitating the adoption and acceleration of
2 sustainable aviation fuels, including any proposed legislation
3 to further support this effort, to the Legislature no later than
4 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of
5 2026; and

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

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