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## 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, while the transportation sector accounts for roughly  
5 thirty percent of total emissions in the 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 State established goals to reduce greenhouse  
26 gas emissions by fifty percent below 2005 levels by 2030 and  
27 achieve net-zero emissions across all transportation sectors by  
28 2045; and  
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30           WHEREAS, the Hawai'i State Energy Office's 2023 report,  
31 *Hawai'i Pathways to Decarbonization*, identifies increasing the



1 use of renewable liquid fuels, including sustainable aviation  
2 fuels, as essential for the State to achieve its goal of  
3 net-zero greenhouse gas emissions by 2045; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Act 226, Session Laws of Hawaii 2023, established  
6 zero-emission goals for all modes of transportation, including  
7 ground, interisland air, and interisland sea transportation; and  
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9 WHEREAS, the settlement agreement in *Navahine v. Hawai'i*  
10 *Department of Transportation* acknowledges the constitutional  
11 right of Hawai'i's youth to a life-sustaining climate and commits  
12 the State to developing a comprehensive Greenhouse Gas Reduction  
13 Plan within one year to decarbonize Hawai'i's transportation  
14 system over the next twenty years; and  
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16 WHEREAS, the adoption and acceleration of sustainable  
17 aviation fuel usage are critical for achieving the State's  
18 climate goals, supporting its commitments under the *Navahine v.*  
19 *Hawai'i Department of Transportation* settlement, and ensuring the  
20 long-term sustainability of Hawai'i's transportation and tourism  
21 sectors; now, therefore,  
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session  
25 of 2025, that the Department of Transportation is requested to  
26 facilitate and accelerate the adoption of sustainable aviation  
27 fuels across Hawai'i's aviation sector to decarbonize Hawai'i's  
28 transportation sector and support 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



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

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Department of  
5 Transportation is requested to submit a report on the progress  
6 made in facilitating the adoption and acceleration of  
7 sustainable aviation fuels, including any proposed legislation  
8 to further support this effort, to the Legislature no later than  
9 twenty days prior to the convening of the Regular Session of  
10 2026; and

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

