
SENATE RESOLUTION

AFFIRMING HAWAII'S PATH TO FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, RESILIENCY, AND SELF-DETERMINATION BY URGING INCREASED CAUTION CONCERNING FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN HAWAII'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND CALLING ON DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES TO ACCELERATE THE ELIMINATION OF HAWAII'S DEPENDENCE ON IMPORTS SERVING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE INCLUDING FUELS FOR ELECTRICITY GENERATION AND INTRA-STATE TRANSPORTATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN 2045.

1 WHEREAS, foreign influence in Hawaii has a long history
2 that has seen local residents often exploited for strategic
3 gain, and held financially captive by others abroad, which has
4 stolen opportunities for local economic and financial security,
5 resiliency, and true self-determination; and
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7 WHEREAS, among the concerns raised by growing foreign
8 influence in the United States and Hawaii, protecting critical
9 infrastructure such as airports and transportation hubs,
10 freshwater systems, electrical grids, and telecommunications
11 networks has been identified by federal authorities as an urgent
12 security priority; and
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14 WHEREAS, these critical infrastructure systems are
15 essential to the State's local economy, public health and
16 safety, and overall stability, making them prime targets for
17 foreign interference; and
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19 WHEREAS, numerous federal agencies responsible for national
20 security have demonstrated that foreign governments, including
21 those of adversarial countries, are actively seeking ways to
22 access and control the United States' critical infrastructure;
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25 WHEREAS, foreign access to critical infrastructure may
26 allow malicious actors to disrupt essential services, steal
27 sensitive data, or compromise security; and
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1 WHEREAS, even allied countries may inadvertently or
2 intentionally exploit access to advance their own agendas, or
3 whose foreign companies may operate with a primary legal and
4 fiscal responsibility to ensure profit from Hawaii's captive
5 market, which may be at odds with the interests, security,
6 resiliency, and self-determination of the people of Hawaii,
7 especially because the interests and leadership of other
8 countries may change suddenly or over time; and

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10 WHEREAS, a cautious and strategic approach to foreign
11 investment and influence is therefore critical to safeguarding
12 the State's interests; and

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14 WHEREAS, Hawaii's long reliance on foreign imports serving
15 critical infrastructure, such as imported fuels, has exacerbated
16 the high cost of living for local residents, has exported
17 billions of dollars out of the local economy each year, and has
18 held local residents captive to foreign companies and influences
19 out of the control of Hawaii's local government, businesses, and
20 residents; and

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22 WHEREAS, the volatility of imported fuels, influenced by
23 foreign markets, wars, uncertainty in production and
24 distribution, and economic decisions by suppliers abroad, has
25 led to significantly more uncertainty for Hawaii, and
26 significantly more unreliable and unpredictable escalations in
27 cost; and

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29 WHEREAS, every dollar spent importing fuels from abroad is
30 a dollar that could instead be invested in Hawaii to build
31 infrastructure and provide for local production of Hawaii's
32 electricity and transportation needs, which would benefit local
33 projects, jobs, and keep money circulating in the local economy,
34 and in the long run eliminate the cost for imports providing
35 critical services; and

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37 WHEREAS, by limiting foreign influence and strengthening
38 oversight of the State's critical infrastructure systems, the
39 State can ensure the resilience and security of its
40 infrastructure against evolving threats, preserve public trust,
41 guard national security, and protect its interests; and



1 WHEREAS, Hawaii can best ensure economic security and a
 2 lower cost of living by limiting Hawaii's reliance on imported
 3 fuels, and ensuring Hawaii maximizes its transition to local
 4 sourcing for electricity generation and intra-state
 5 transportation as quickly as possible, but no later than 2045;
 6 now, therefore,

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 8 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
 9 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025,
 10 that this body affirms Hawaii's path to financial and economic
 11 security, resiliency, and self-determination by urging increased
 12 caution concerning foreign influence in Hawaii's critical
 13 infrastructure and calling on departments and agencies to
 14 accelerate the elimination of Hawaii's dependence on all
 15 imported fuels for electricity generation and intra-state
 16 transportation as soon as possible, but no later than 2045; and
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for ending the
 19 State's reliance on all imported fuels for electricity
 20 generation as quickly as possible, but no later than 2045, to
 21 maximize long term cost reduction for local families, achieve
 22 increased energy security and resiliency; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls for ending
 25 Hawaii's reliance on all imported fuels for intra-state
 26 transportation as quickly as possible, but no later than 2045,
 27 to maximize long term cost reduction for local families, achieve
 28 increased energy security and resiliency; and
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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests that the
 31 Department of Transportation, Public Utilities Commission, and
 32 all other departments and agencies to take action to decrease
 33 the State's reliance on imported fuels; and
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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
 36 Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, Director of
 37 Transportation, and Chairperson of the Public Utilities
 38 Commission.

