



To: The Senate Committee on Transportation and Culture and the Arts (TCA)  
and  
Senate Committee on Public Safety and Military Affairs (PSM)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025, 3:00 pm

**In support of SR179/SCR199 WITH AMENDMENTS**

Aloha Chairs Lee, and Elefante, Vice Chairs Inouye and Wakai, and members of the TCA and PSM committees,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawaii chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SR179/SCR199, which takes a critical look at the impact that foreign influence on our critical infrastructure may have on our physical and economic security. **We strongly urge the Committees to specifically call out the extreme vulnerabilities that would be created by the current proposal to import liquefied natural gas, or methane, to meet our islands' energy needs.**

For example, the storage of imported methane in a floating offshore facility and the transport of this methane to shore-based receiving facilities create obvious vulnerabilities to our energy infrastructure. Whether through foreign attack, natural disasters, broken supply chains impeding critical maintenance and timely repairs, or other causes, the loss of operational capacity of this planned infrastructure would have significant and potentially irreparable economic, environmental, and physical impacts, among others. Moreover, the incredibly high volatility of foreign methane prices and the lack of any concrete plans to develop a more reliable and stable source of energy will also leave our energy infrastructure as well as our residents' pocketbooks highly vulnerable to economic impacts from foreign forces far beyond our control.

**Please amend this resolution to specifically acknowledge how the current plan to import foreign methane to meet our energy needs will render our energy infrastructure - as well as our environment, economy, and physical security - incredibly vulnerable to myriad threats.**

Please **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS** SCR179/ SCR199. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Sherry Pollack  
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 1:31:01 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dave Mulnix	Testifying for Greenpeace Hawaii	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Lee and Elefante, Vice Chairs Inouye and Wakai, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Dave Mulnix, Hawaii State Representative of Greenpeace Hawaii, and on behalf of our thousands of members and supporters statewide we Stand in **STRONG SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** of SR179/SCR199, which takes a critical look at the impact that foreign influence on our critical infrastructure may have on our physical and economic security.

We strongly urge the Committees to specifically call out the extreme vulnerabilities that would be created by the current proposal to import liquefied natural gas, or methane, to meet our islands' energy needs.

For example, the storage of imported methane in a floating offshore facility and the transport of this methane to shore-based receiving facilities create obvious vulnerabilities to our energy infrastructure. Whether through foreign attack, natural disasters, broken supply chains impeding critical maintenance and timely repairs, or other causes, the loss of operational capacity of this planned infrastructure would have significant and potentially irreparable economic, environmental, and physical impacts, among others. Moreover, the incredibly high volatility of foreign methane prices and the lack of any concrete plans to develop a more reliable and stable source of energy will also leave our energy infrastructure as well as our residents' pocketbooks highly vulnerable to economic impacts from foreign forces far beyond our control.

Please amend this resolution to specifically acknowledge how the current plan to import foreign methane to meet our energy needs will render our energy infrastructure - as well as our environment, economy, and physical security - incredibly vulnerable to myriad threats.

Please take all these concerns into consideration and **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS SCR179/SCR199**.

Mahalo,

Dave Mulnix, CoFounder & Hawaii State Representative

Greenpeace Hawaii



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OF HAWAI'I**

**SENATE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND MILITARY AFFAIRS  
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TOURISM AND CULTURE AND THE ARTS**

March 24, 2025

3:00 PM

Conference Room 225

**In SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS of SCR179: URGING INCREASED CAUTION  
CONCERNING FOREIGN INFLUENCE IN HAWAII'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE..**

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Aloha Chair Elefante, Chair Lee, Vice Chair Wakai, Vice Chair Inouye, and Members of the Committee,

On behalf of our over 20,000 members and supporters, the Sierra Club **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** SR179, and urges the Committees to more explicitly recognize the clear and present threat that current proposals to use foreign-sourced liquefied natural gas (LNG) - i.e. methane - may pose to our islands' environmental, economic, and physical security.

The concerns expressed in this resolution are amply illustrated by the current proposal to utilize foreign imported methane as a "bridge fuel" to meet our renewable energy goals. The Sierra Club of Hawai'i has serious doubts regarding the feasibility of the state administration's assertions that we will somehow both transition to, and away from, methane in a matter of years. **The substantial, \$2B initial estimate of needed infrastructure investments, reports of foreign methane suppliers seeking to acquire substantial shares of HEI stock, the incessant lies and deceptions of the fossil fuel industry as a whole, and the lack of a detailed plan to transition to a substitute energy source such as "green" hydrogen all point to a future where we remain indefinitely dependent upon foreign methane as a major source of our energy needs. This would leave our energy infrastructure and residents indefinitely and increasingly vulnerable to security risks, supply-chain disruptions, and highly volatile energy costs.**

For example, the storage of imported methane in a floating offshore facility and the transport of this methane to shore-based receiving facilities create obvious vulnerabilities to our energy infrastructure. Foreign attack, natural disasters, human error, disintegrating foreign relations and/or broken supply chains impeding critical maintenance and timely repairs, or other causes could easily result in the repeated or permanent loss of operational capacity of such inherently vulnerable infrastructure, leading to significant and potentially irreparable economic, environmental, and physical impacts. Moreover, the incredibly high volatility of foreign methane prices and the lack of any concrete plans to develop a more reliable and stable source of energy will also leave our energy infrastructure as well as our residents' pocketbooks susceptible to significant economic impacts due to forces far beyond our control.

**Because of these glaring and immediate vulnerabilities, we respectfully urge the Committees to amend this resolution, to specifically acknowledge how the current plan to import foreign methane as a fuel source will render our energy infrastructure - as well as our environment, economy, and physical security - incredibly vulnerable to myriad threats.**



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OF HAWAI'I**

Accordingly, please **PASS WITH AMENDMENTS** SR179. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:24:46 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Frank Schultz	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

I support this initiative.

**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/21/2025 2:43:43 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
B.A. McClintock	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Please support this important bill. Mahalo.

**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/23/2025 1:50:24 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Dylan P. Armstrong	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

In support without elaboration, for none is needed.



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**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 1:48:19 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Kylie Hopkins	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Chairs Elefante and Lee, Vice Chairs Wakai and Inouye, and Members of the Committees,

My name is Kylie Hopkins, and I **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS** SR179, which takes a critical look at the impact that foreign influence on our critical infrastructure may have on our physical and economic security. I strongly urge the Committees to specifically call out the extreme vulnerabilities that would be created by the current proposal to import liquefied natural gas, or methane, to meet our islands' energy needs.

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Sincerely,

Kylie Hopkins

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**SR-179**

Submitted on: 3/24/2025 2:03:24 PM

Testimony for TCA on 3/24/2025 3:00:00 PM

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Samantha Nelson	Individual	Comments	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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Kristel Whippy	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Testify
Madison Owens	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

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