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## SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE STATE TO REJECT ENERGY SOURCES FOUND TO BE HARMFUL OR  
DESTABILIZING TO OUR CLIMATE SYSTEM AND ENVIRONMENT AND TO  
COMMIT TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND THE VALUES OF HAWAII'S  
RESIDENTS.

1 WHEREAS, our climate is in crisis; global fossil fuel  
2 pollution and other human-caused factors have contributed to the  
3 climate crisis and its range of devastating impacts - including  
4 rising sea-levels, critical loss of wildlife species, and an  
5 increase in flooding, wildfires, and other extreme weather  
6 events - that disproportionately impact the lives and cultures  
7 of Indigenous peoples who have stewarded their lands and waters  
8 since time immemorial; and

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10 WHEREAS, climate breakdown has already severely impacted  
11 Hawaii through rising temperatures, devastating wildfires, sea  
12 level rise, stronger hurricanes, coral bleaching, increased  
13 drought and flooding, shifting rain patterns, and biodiversity  
14 loss; and

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16 WHEREAS, scientists are warning: We have less than a  
17 decade to take bold, ambitious action to transition our economy  
18 off fossil fuels and onto safe and green renewable energy; and

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20 WHEREAS, in 2021, Hawaii became the first jurisdiction in  
21 the United States to declare a climate emergency officially, and  
22 in doing so, requested statewide collaboration toward an  
23 immediate just transition and emergency mobilization effort to  
24 restore a safe climate, signifying a serious commitment to  
25 addressing climate change issues within the State; and

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27 WHEREAS, according to leading scientific consensus,  
28 including reports from the International Energy Agency, there is  
29 no room for new fossil fuel projects if the world is to achieve



1 net-zero emissions by 2050, effectively meaning scientists are  
2 warning against initiating any new fossil fuel projects,  
3 including those that utilize liquefied natural gas (LNG), if we  
4 are to combat climate change; and  
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6 WHEREAS, the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change  
7 released its 2021 Report that identified methane, a major  
8 greenhouse gas that frequently leaks along the LNG supply chain,  
9 as a key contributor to global heating; and  
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11 WHEREAS, LNG is primarily composed of methane—a harmful  
12 greenhouse gas that is more than eighty times more powerful at  
13 trapping heat in the atmosphere than carbon dioxide; and  
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15 WHEREAS, methane is responsible for around thirty percent  
16 of the rise in global temperatures since the industrial  
17 revolution, leading to the extreme weather, crop loss, rising  
18 sea levels, and wildfires that accompany global warming; and  
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20 WHEREAS, reducing methane emissions would have a  
21 significant impact in mitigating the climate crisis as  
22 scientists have made clear that rapid and sustained reductions  
23 in methane emissions are key to limit near-term warming; and  
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25 WHEREAS, hydraulic fracturing, commonly known as  
26 "fracking", is a polluting and water-intensive technique used by  
27 fossil fuel companies to crack open the earth and access gas  
28 deposits; and  
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30 WHEREAS, LNG is a product of fracking and fracking wells,  
31 in addition to destroying forests and farmland and poisoning  
32 clean water, air, and soil, pose unacceptable health hazards to  
33 farmers and communities that live near fracking operations, with  
34 numerous reports linking fracking activities to birth defects,  
35 cancer, and asthma; and  
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37 WHEREAS, each fracking well can pollute more than  
38 10,000,000 gallons of fresh water, and the fracking process  
39 involves toxic, carcinogenic chemicals and heavy metals that  
40 have been known to contaminate agricultural soils near fracking  
41 operations; and  
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1 WHEREAS, the LNG fracking industry is undermining climate  
2 change action, as every stage of the LNG life cycle leaks  
3 methane emissions into the atmosphere; and  
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5 WHEREAS, Robert W. Howarth, called "one the world's premier  
6 methane scientists", says ending the use of LNG should be a  
7 global priority; and  
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9 WHEREAS, LNG would require costly infrastructure, such as  
10 an offshore platform for LNG tankers to dock and unload, storage  
11 tanks, pipelines, and a regasification facility, diverting our  
12 resources and seriously undermining efforts to move us forward  
13 with our clean energy goals; and  
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15 WHEREAS, shifting to cleaner, locally-run energy will not  
16 only slow the tide of the climate crisis, it will create  
17 thousands of new, good-paying jobs that sustain families while  
18 protecting community health and significantly boosting the  
19 State's economy; now, therefore,  
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21 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third  
22 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2025, the  
23 House of Representatives concurring, that this body acknowledges  
24 the devastating environmental and health hazards that liquefied  
25 natural gas poses and that use of liquefied natural gas is not  
26 in alignment with Hawaii's core values; and  
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body requests state  
29 authorities to refrain from committing financial and regulatory  
30 assistance toward LNG or any other energy sources found to be  
31 harmful or destabilizing to our climate system and environment;  
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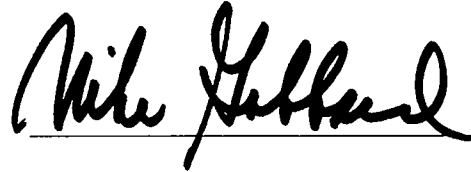
34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this body calls upon the state  
35 government to protect the people of Hawaii by implementing the  
36 recommendations by scientists to ensure no new fossil fuel  
37 projects are invested in and focus our resources on  
38 transitioning our economy off fossil fuels and onto safe and  
39 green renewable energy; and  
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41 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
42 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Attorney



1 General; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural Resources;  
2 Director of the Office of Planning and Sustainable Development;  
3 and Mayors of the Counties of Maui, Kauai, and Hawaii and Mayor  
4 of the City and County of Honolulu.  
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OFFERED BY:

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