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Testimony of
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before the
HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Friday, April 17, 2026
10:05 AM
State Capitol, Conference Room 325 and Videoconference

Providing Comments on
SCR 172, SD1

**REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A
COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON THE BEST PATHS TO MAXIMIZE COST
REDUCTION AND MINIMIZE FINANCIAL RISK TO HAWAII RESIDENTS WHILE
MEETING STATE GOALS.**

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee, the Hawai'i State Energy Office (HSEO) offers comments on Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 172, SD1 Requesting the Public Utilities Commission to Conduct a Comprehensive Analysis on the Best Paths to Maximize Cost Reduction and Minimize Financial Risk to Hawai'i Residents While Meeting State Goals.

HSEO continues to pursue and support credible analysis on the best paths to make electricity more affordable and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents while meeting state renewable portfolio and decarbonization statutory objectives. HSEO also strongly objects to the inaccurate and misleading commentary in the preamble regarding the Alternative Fuels, Repowering, and Energy Transition Study on which this measure is based.

HSEO and its lead contractor, HDR, overseeing the Alternative Fuels, Repowering, and Energy Transition Study ("Study"), confirm spreadsheet errors but also note that estimates on the impact of these errors reported by this Committee and present in the preamble of this measure are uninformed and inaccurate, with positive net present values in all scenarios in the updated Study that will be made available to the public via HSEO's website in the next week or so. In short, any errors in the Study have no material impact on the published Conclusions and Next Steps of the Study as HSEO has long stated.

Hawai'i State Energy Office
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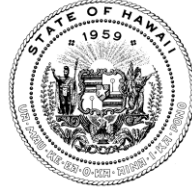
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Given that the work contemplated by this measure is similar to the work prescribed in HCR 202 / HR 192, HSEO recommends that if the Legislature decides to pass this resolution, it minimizes unnecessary and redundant administrative burden by consolidating the work prescribed in these resolutions.

HSEO defers to the PUC on any independent choices of which analysis it chooses to internally pursue in this regard.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.



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Testimony of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs

**Before the
House Committee on Energy and Environmental Protection
Friday, April 17, 2026
10:05 a.m.
Via Videoconference**

**On the following measure:
S.C.R. 172, S.D.1, REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO
CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON THE BEST PATHS TO
MAXIMIZE COST REDUCTION AND MINIMIZE FINANCIAL RISK TO HAWAII
RESIDENTS WHILE MEETING STATE GOALS**

Chair Lowen and Members of the Committee:

My name is Michael Angelo, and I am the Executive Director of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs' (Department) Division of Consumer Advocacy. The Department offers comments on this resolution.

The purpose of this resolution is to request the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) to conduct an objective, independent analysis and evaluation on the best paths to maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents for energy while meeting the State's established goals. The resolution requests that the Commission contract and engage with experts, as may be appropriate, to develop two separate independent and objective analyses to ensure that the paths are thoroughly evaluated, and also identifies specific criteria for the analyses being requested. In addition, the resolution requests that the Commission submit a preliminary report of its

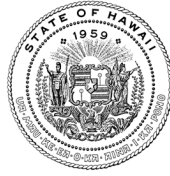
findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than 30 days before the convening of the 2027 Legislative Session, and a final report of its findings and recommendations, including any proposed legislation, no later than 30 days before the 2028 Legislative Session.

The Department recognizes that the State may be at a pivotal juncture as it strives to meet its established energy goals. Accordingly, the Department understands the need for an objective, independent analysis and evaluation on the best paths to maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk for residents for energy while meeting the State's established goals. However, the Department notes that the Commission also has many competing priorities and it is not clear if the Commission has the necessary funds or resources available to conduct and coordinate the comprehensive analysis requested in the resolution. The Department further notes that their resources may be even more strained with the request for two separate analyses to ensure that the energy paths are thoroughly evaluated to provide a high level of confidence in the work conducted. The Department recommends ensuring that the Commission has sufficient resources available to undertake this additional work taking into consideration the amount of existing work currently before the Commission.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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Testimony of the Public Utilities Commission

To the
House Committee on
Energy & Environmental Protection

Friday, April 17, 2026
10:05 a.m.

Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Members of the Committee:

Measure: S.C.R. 172, S.D.1

Title: REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A COMPREHENSIVE ANALYSIS ON THE BEST PATHS TO MAXIMIZE COST REDUCTION AND MINIMIZE FINANCIAL RISK TO HAWAII RESIDENTS WHILE MEETING STATE GOALS.

Position:

The Public Utilities Commission ("Commission") offers the following comments for consideration.

Comments:

The Commission supports the intent of this measure requesting the Commission to conduct an objective, independent analysis and evaluation on the best paths to maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents, while meeting the State's established energy goals.

The Commission recognizes that this measure also requests that the comprehensive energy pathway evaluation includes two separate independent and objective analyses, and that the Commission contract and engage with experts as appropriate to develop the evaluation. The Commission understands that preliminary and final report of findings and recommendations are to be submitted to the 2027 and 2028 Legislatures, respectively. The Commission stands ready to participate and support this evaluation effort.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this resolution.

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Testimony for EEP on 4/17/2026 10:05:00 AM

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Comments:

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HOUSE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION 172, SD 1

Friday, April 17, 2026, 10:05 a.m.
Conference Room 325, State Capitol
415 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Hawai'i

Dear Chair Lowen, Vice Chair Perruso, and Committee Members:

Earthjustice offers this testimony in support of Senate Concurrent Resolution 172, SD1, requesting the Public Utilities Commission ("PUC") to conduct a comprehensive analysis on the best paths to maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawai'i residents while meeting state goals.

Over the next several years, the PUC will be making critical decisions about Hawai'i's energy future that could determine the rates local families and businesses will pay for generations to come. It's a high-stakes moment in history that could end up saving or costing billions for Hawai'i's people and economy. This resolution, if fulfilled, will ensure that the state has the most accurate and reliable information before making such decisions about Hawai'i's energy future.

We offer the following friendly amendments to clarify the intent for the requested analyses and ensure they productively fulfill their purpose:

First, in the second "Resolved" paragraph, delete the words "two separate," which may suggest that two separate studies are required.

Second, in the fourth "Resolved" paragraph, clarify the language to better describe the analyses, as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the analyses are requested to, at minimum, be designed to consider the best-available information on [latest strategies,] energy system technologies, innovations, and options [being developed and] to implement[ed] in Hawaii, including experience from [and] other states and jurisdictions that are [proving most] successfully transitioning their energy systems from fossil fuels, [and may] to help Hawaii maximize cost reduction and minimize financial risk to Hawaii residents while meeting established state goals; and

Third, add another, fifth “Resolved” paragraph to clarify the process, as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to use open and transparent methods to conduct the analyses, engage local and national experts, and provide opportunities for stakeholders to inform and review the analyses; and

And finally, add a final “Resolved” paragraph to ensure that the requested analyses will duly inform any future fuel infrastructure plans, as follows:

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to implement these analyses, findings, and recommendations to inform any decisions by the Commission that would result in long-term contractual or financial obligations to use and rely on imported fuels at the ratepayers’ expense.

Mahalo for the opportunity to testify. Please do not hesitate to let us know if you have any questions.

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