
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO ENSURE THAT CERTAIN CONDITIONS ARE MET BEFORE APPROVING ANY INFRASTRUCTURE, OPERATIONS, MAINTENANCE, FUEL, OR OTHER COSTS RELATING TO SUPPLYING AND USING LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.

1 WHEREAS, the State must ensure that any consideration of
2 importing natural gas into Hawaii is conducted in a manner that
3 protects ratepayers, advances clean energy goals, and safeguards
4 long-term economic and environmental interests; and

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6 WHEREAS, proponents of natural gas have asserted that its
7 use would reduce electricity costs and greenhouse gas emissions
8 relative to imported petroleum; and

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10 WHEREAS, sufficient, transparent, and verifiable evidence
11 has not been provided to substantiate these claims; and

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13 WHEREAS, long-term investments in natural gas
14 infrastructure may expose ratepayers to significant financial
15 risks, including stranded asset costs, fuel price volatility,
16 and long-term contractual obligations that could inflate
17 electricity costs; and

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19 WHEREAS, Hawaii has established a statutory mandate to
20 achieve one hundred percent renewable portfolio standards by
21 2045; and

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23 WHEREAS, substantial new investment in fossil fuel
24 infrastructure may undermine progress toward this goal and
25 divert capital, policy focus, and market signals away from the
26 development of indigenous, renewable energy sources; now,
27 therefore,

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29 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
30 Thirty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session



1 of 2026, that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to
2 ensure that the following conditions are met before approving
3 any costs of infrastructure, operations, maintenance, fuel, or
4 other costs relating to supplying and using liquefied natural
5 gas:

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7 (1) All liquefied natural gas infrastructure costs shall
8 be fully amortized no later than 2045, and utility
9 customers shall not be obligated to pay the costs of
10 any stranded investments;

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12 (2) Any power purchase or fuel supply agreement shall not
13 include any volumetric commitments or take-or-pay
14 requirements for fuel supplies and shall include
15 provisions for supplies declining to zero no later
16 than 2045;

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18 (3) Any power purchase or fuel supply agreement shall not
19 result in increased costs for customers in the
20 counties of Hawaii, Kauai, or Maui, including costs
21 arising from downstream effects of changing fuel
22 supplies or suppliers for those counties; and

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24 (4) Any approval shall include protections for customers
25 from fuel price volatility, including but not limited
26 to provisions for the utility to share in fuel price
27 changes, which shall begin at no less than ten percent
28 and shall increase over time in line with declining
29 fuel supply volumes; and

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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
32 is requested to deny any costs related to liquefied natural gas
33 if more cost-effective, non-fossil-fuel alternatives are
34 available to a utility or if approving the power purchase or
35 fuel supply agreement would commit a utility to purchasing a
36 greater amount of liquefied natural gas than necessary to
37 accommodate the maximum amount of renewable energy on the grid;
38 and

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40 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
41 is requested to consider the effects of approving the use of
42 liquefied natural gas on renewable energy development and



1 deployment, including risks and costs of diverting attention and
2 resources away from maximizing present and future cost savings
3 from renewable energy sources when making determinations of the
4 reasonableness of costs pertaining to electric or gas utility
5 system capital improvements and operations; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
8 is requested to consider the risks and costs of stranded assets
9 and the risks and costs of reliance on a single fuel supply or
10 monopoly supplier when making determinations of the
11 reasonableness of costs pertaining to electric or gas utility
12 system capital improvements and operations; and

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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
15 Resolution be transmitted to the Director of Commerce and
16 Consumer Affairs; Executive Director of the Division of Consumer
17 Advocacy of the Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs;
18 Chief Energy Officer of the Hawaii State Energy Office;
19 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission; and President
20 and Chief Executive Officer of Hawaiian Electric.

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