
SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

PRIORITIZING EFFORTS TO PROTECT HAWAII'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE.

1 WHEREAS, numerous federal agencies responsible for national
2 security have demonstrated that foreign governments and
3 stakeholders are actively seeking to establish influence and
4 control over critical infrastructure systems in states across
5 the country, including communications, water, food, energy, and
6 related services; and

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8 WHEREAS, Hawaii's geographic isolation and reliance on
9 imported goods, materials, and technologies create unique
10 vulnerabilities for these critical infrastructure systems in the
11 State; and

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13 WHEREAS, recent disruption to global supply chains have
14 highlighted the risks associated with dependence on imports,
15 including food, energy, and overseas production of essential
16 infrastructure components that may be influenced by foreign
17 governments, stakeholders, and events; and

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19 WHEREAS, the most recent example of the risks of dependency
20 on supply chains outside Hawaii's control is the State's current
21 reliance on imported fuels, which for decades has exposed state
22 energy infrastructure to supply and price shocks based on the
23 dictates of monopolistic suppliers, instabilities in foreign
24 markets, and global events outside of the State's control; and

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26 WHEREAS, the recent war in Iran has triggered the latest
27 giant spike in global natural gas and oil prices, with Hawaii's
28 main utility now anticipating an increase of twenty to thirty
29 percent to typical residential electric bills, imposing a
30 sudden, painful burden on families and the state economy; and
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1 WHEREAS, many technologies and materials used in critical
2 infrastructure systems are produced outside the United States,
3 including jurisdictions whose strategic interests may not align
4 with those of the United States; and

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6 WHEREAS, reliance on imports through global supply chains
7 may expose the State's critical systems to risks involving
8 supply disruptions, price manipulation, cybersecurity
9 vulnerabilities, and other forms of economic or strategic
10 pressure; and

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12 WHEREAS, the State has an interest in maintaining local
13 control over its critical utility infrastructure and supply
14 chains; and

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16 WHEREAS, strengthening critical infrastructure, eliminating
17 dependence on imported goods and supplies, and avoiding foreign
18 control over local infrastructure systems and supply chains will
19 enhance the State's resilience in times of economic disruption,
20 natural disaster, or geopolitical instability; now, therefore,

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22 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-third
23 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2026, the
24 House of Representatives concurring, that the State is
25 encouraged to prioritize the security, self-sufficiency,
26 resilience, reliability, and local control of critical
27 infrastructure systems and supply chains, and protect them from
28 foreign influence and control; and

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30 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies are requested to
31 prioritize security for critical infrastructure; rapidly
32 accelerate efforts to eliminate the State's dependence on
33 imported food, energy, and other necessities as quickly as
34 possible; and minimize the State's exposure to the volatility,
35 risk, and impacts of foreign influence and events; and

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37 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies, including the
38 Public Utilities Commission, Department of Agriculture and
39 Biosecurity, and others who have significant authority over
40 critical infrastructure and supply chains for food, energy, and
41 similar dependencies, are requested to minimize foreign
42 influence and prioritize the State's resilience, security, and



1 local control of critical infrastructure and supply chains in
2 all plans, projects, programs, and decisions; and

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4 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
5 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor; Director
6 of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism; Director of
7 Transportation; Adjutant General; Administrator of Emergency
8 Management; Chairperson of the Board of Land and Natural
9 Resources; Executive Officer of the Public Utilities Commission;
10 Chairperson of the Board of Agriculture and Biosecurity; and
11 Chief Information Officer of the Office of Enterprise Technology
12 Services.

