
SENATE 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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32 WHEREAS, many technologies and materials used in critical
33 infrastructure systems are produced outside the United States,



1 including jurisdictions whose strategic interests may not align
2 with those of the United States; and

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

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

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

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

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

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34 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that state agencies, including the
35 Public Utilities Commission, Department of Agriculture and
36 Biosecurity, and others who have significant authority over
37 critical infrastructure and supply chains for food, energy, and
38 similar dependencies, are requested to minimize foreign
39 influence and prioritize the State's resilience, security, and
40 local control of critical infrastructure and supply chains in
41 all plans, projects, programs, and decisions; and

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

