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Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF SCR164 SD1 Critical Infrastructure; Foreign Influence; Stability PRIORITIZING EFFORTS TO PROTECT HAWAI'I'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE

**Chair Scot Z. Matayoshi, Vice Chair Tina Nakada Grandinetti
House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)**

Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

Time: 2:00 PM

Place: Conference Room 430 & Videoconference

Aloha Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Nakada Grandinetti, and Members of the Committee,

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i strongly supports SCR164 SD1, which urges the State to prioritize the security, resilience, and local control of Hawai'i's critical infrastructure in light of increasing risks associated with foreign influence. Federal agencies have documented attempts by foreign governments and foreign-controlled entities to access or influence critical infrastructure systems across the United States, including energy, water, communications, food, and transportation networks. Hawai'i's geographic isolation and dependence on imported goods and fuels heighten these vulnerabilities and underscore the need for proactive safeguards.

Recent developments further illustrate the urgency of this resolution. Governor Josh Green recently signed an agreement with JERA, Japan's largest energy company, to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) to power O'ahu's grid. Public reporting has noted that this agreement would deepen Hawai'i's reliance on foreign-controlled fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when global energy markets remain volatile. The ongoing conflict in Iran has already contributed to instability in global oil and gas markets, increasing the risk of supply disruptions, shipping delays, and price spikes. Because Hawai'i relies entirely on imported fuels, any disruption in LNG markets would directly affect electricity costs for residents and businesses.

Foreign market exposure is not limited to fossil fuels. Nuclear energy is also influenced by global supply chains. Public analyses note that advanced reactor technologies rely on specialized fuels, including high-assay low-enriched uranium

(HALEU), much of which is currently produced by foreign suppliers. These dependencies create similar vulnerabilities to geopolitical instability, sanctions, and market disruptions. **Power**, published March 6, 2026, a commentary co-authored by Governor Green indicates that he believes next-generation nuclear technologies should be part of the broader energy discussion and that he is exploring pathways for private-sector developers to build a nuclear supply chain in Hawai'i. The Governor noted that the Legislature is considering a second task force to study how nuclear energy could strengthen the islands' resilience.

At the same time, the ***Advanced Nuclear Power Technologies in Hawai'i Report***—completed pursuant to SCR136 SD1 HD2 (2025) and transmitted to the 2026 Legislature—concluded that nuclear power technologies are unworkable in Hawai'i. The report stated that if nuclear were ever considered despite these findings, minimum safeguards would require no public subsidies, full Environmental Impact Statements, free, prior, and informed consent of affected communities, proof of lawful off-island waste disposal, developer-funded decommissioning, and demonstrated emergency-response capacity. The report noted that these conditions themselves demonstrate the unworkability and impracticality of nuclear development in the islands.

SCR164 SD1 appropriately calls on state agencies to strengthen local capacity, reduce dependence on imported necessities, and ensure that critical infrastructure remains secure, transparent, and accountable to the people of Hawai'i. These actions are essential to protecting public welfare, maintaining economic stability, and ensuring that Hawai'i can withstand disruptions caused by natural disasters, global conflicts, or supply-chain failures.

For these reasons, the Environmental Caucus respectfully urges the Committee to pass SCR164 SD1.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, & CPC Committee Members,

My name is Dave Mulinix, Co-Founder & Hawaii State Representative of Greenpeace Hawaii. On behalf of our thousands of members and supporters statewide, we stand in strong support of SCR164 Prioritizing efforts to protect hawaii's critical infrastructure from foreign influence. We are in full agreement with the intent and the text of this resolution that puts our concerns most eloquently.

The points in this bill below are perfect examples of why this legislation must be passed:

- Numerous federal agencies responsible for national security have demonstrated that foreign governments and stakeholders are actively seeking to establish influence and control over critical infrastructure systems in states across the country, including communications, water, food, energy, and related services.
- The State's geographic isolation and reliance on imported goods, materials, and technologies create unique vulnerabilities within these critical infrastructure systems.
- Recent disruption to global supply chains have highlighted the risks associated with dependence on imports, including food, energy, and overseas production of essential infrastructure components that may be influenced by foreign governments, stakeholders, and events.
- Many technologies and materials used in critical infrastructure systems are produced outside the United States, including jurisdictions whose strategic interest may not align with those of the United States.
- Reliance on imports through global supply chains may expose the State's critical systems to risks involving supply disruptions, price manipulation, cybersecurity vulnerabilities, and other forms of economic or strategic pressure.
- Strengthening critical infrastructure and eliminating dependence on imported goods and supplies will enhance the State's resilience in times of economic disruption, natural disaster, or geopolitical instability.

- The State must prioritize the security, resilience, and reliability of critical infrastructure systems; protect these systems from foreign influence; and accelerate efforts to eliminate the State's dependence on imports.
- State agencies must prioritize security for critical infrastructure and eliminate the State's dependence on imported food, energy, and other commodities as quickly as possible, minimize the State's exposure to the volatility, risk, and impacts of foreign influence and events.
- State agencies must prioritize and consider the State's resilience and security of critical infrastructure in all plans, projects, programs, and decisions. Please vote to pass SCR164 to protect the State of Hawaii from undue foreign influence.

Mahalo Dave Mulinix

Co-Founder & Hawaii State Representative

Greenpeace Hawaii



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To: House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection (CPC)
Rep. Scot Z. Matayoshi, Chair; Rep. Tina Nakada Grandinetti, Vice Chair

Re: SCR 164 SD1 re "Prioritizing Efforts to Protect Hawai'i's critical Infrastructure
from foreign influence"

Hearing: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 2:00 pm, Conference Room 430 & video

Position: **STRONG SUPPORT**

Aloha, Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and Members of the House Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. As you know, Americans for Democratic Action is a nationwide progressive organization dating back to the late 1940s, devoted to carrying on, and expanding on, the critical achievements of the New Deal that took America out of the Great Depression and won World War II. Hawaii's own U.S. Representative Patsy T. Mink was ADA's national Chairperson from 1978 to 1982.

SCR164 SD1 urges the State to prioritize the security, resilience, and local control of Hawai'i's critical infrastructure in light of increasing risks associated with foreign influence. We are aware that federal agencies have documented attempts by foreign governments and foreign-controlled entities to access or influence critical infrastructure systems across the United States, including energy, water, communications, food, and transportation networks.

Hawai'i's geographic isolation and dependence on imported goods and fuels heighten these vulnerabilities and underscore the need for proactive safeguards.

Recent developments further illustrate the urgency of this resolution. And we are very much concerned about them. Regrettably, Governor Josh Green recently signed an agreement with JERA, Japan's largest energy company, to import liquefied natural gas (LNG) to power O'ahu's grid. Public reporting has noted that this agreement would deepen Hawai'i's reliance on foreign-controlled fossil fuel infrastructure at a time when global energy markets remain volatile.

The ongoing war that Donald Trump has initiated on Iran has already contributed to instability in global oil and gas markets, increasing the risk of supply disruptions, shipping

delays, and price spikes. Because Hawai‘i relies entirely on imported fuels, any disruption in LNG markets will definitely directly affect electricity costs for residents and businesses.

Currently, there is no end in sight for Trump’s war on Iran. Therefore there is no “light at the end of the tunnel” for when shippers might be able to resume sending LNG through the Strait of Hormuz. Accordingly, we are in very dire straits relying on LNG for O‘ahu’s energy needs, and the State really must urgently look elsewhere.

ADA Hawai‘i also strongly objects to any attempt to normalize nuclear energy as a source of power in Hawai‘i. Again, we respectfully disagree with Governor Green, who has recently indicated openness to “next-generation nuclear technologies” as part of the broader energy discussion. He has stated that he is exploring pathways for private-sector developers to build a nuclear supply chain in Hawai‘i. We firmly disagree.

As the Legislature is aware, the “Advanced Nuclear Power Technologies in Hawai‘i Report,” which was completed pursuant to SCR136 SD1 HD2 (2025) and transmitted to the 2026 Legislature, concluded that nuclear power technologies are unworkable in Hawai‘i. We fully agree with that carefully written report.

The report stated that if nuclear were ever considered despite these findings, minimum safeguards would require no public subsidies, full Environmental Impact Statements, free, prior, and informed consent of affected communities, proof of lawful off-island waste disposal, developer-funded decommissioning, and demonstrated emergency-response capacity. The report noted that these conditions themselves demonstrate the unworkability and impracticality of nuclear development in the islands.

Let’s be realistic: The entire history of the nuclear power industry has been one of evading and delaying all of the environmental and social costs involved in this extremely toxic industry. And that’s on the grand scale where the Big Boys have been the key actors. There is no way that some small-scale entrepreneur is going to come to Hawai‘i and legitimately and honestly create nuclear energy here, especially in a manner that would be economically beneficial to Hawai‘i’s consumers, and then clean up all the mess left behind.

SCR164 SD1 appropriately calls on our State agencies to strengthen local capacity, reduce dependence on imported necessities, and ensure that critical infrastructure remains secure, transparent, and accountable to the people of Hawai‘i. These actions are essential to protecting public welfare, maintaining economic stability, and ensuring that Hawai‘i can withstand disruptions caused by natural disasters, global conflicts, or supply-chain failures.

For these many reasons, among potentially others, we respectfully request that this Resolution be PASSED.

Very truly yours,

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To: The House Committee on Consumer Protection & Commerce (CPC)
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org
Date: Wednesday, April 22, 2026, 2pm

In strong support of SCR164 SD1

Aloha Chair Matayoshi, Vice Chair Grandinetti, and members of the CPC committee,

I am Co-Founder of the Hawai'i chapter of 350.org, the largest international organization dedicated to fighting climate change. 350Hawaii is in **STRONG SUPPORT of SCR164 SD1**, which addresses the impact that foreign influence on our critical infrastructure may have on our physical and economic security.

It is crucial that the State prioritize the security and reliability of our critical infrastructure, including essential services like communications, water, food, and energy, by actively protecting them from foreign influence and reducing the state's reliance on imported goods. These systems are essential to Hawai'i's local economy, public safety, and overall stability, making them prime targets for foreign interference. Even allied countries, whose interests and leadership can change rapidly, may inadvertently or intentionally exploit their involvement in infrastructure to advance their own agendas, which can be at odds with the interests of the people of Hawai'i.

Recent disruption to global supply chains, such as what is currently occurring at the Strait of Hormuz, have highlighted the risks associated with dependence on imports, including food, energy, and overseas production of essential infrastructure components that may be influenced by foreign governments, stakeholders, and events. Bottom line, relying on imports, especially for our food and energy, only increases our vulnerability to global market shocks.

To build immunity against economic instability, natural disasters, or geopolitical events, we must accelerate efforts to eliminate dependence on imported food, energy, and other commodities, and consider the security and resilience of critical infrastructure in all future planning and decision-making processes. If we prioritize community-led, renewable, and locally available energy and food systems, we can build and achieve lasting resilience. We owe this to our keiki and future generations.

Please **PASS SCR164 SD1**. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Sherry Pollack
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

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Star Carlin	Individual	Support	Written Testimony Only

Comments:

Aloha Representatives,

Please support this effort to improve our local food and energy self sufficiency. Let's not pretend that a disaster will not quickly ensue if shipping is cut off. The time to do something is now!

Respectfully,

Star Carlin, Mountain View, Hawaii