



To: The Senate Committee on Water, Land, Culture and the Arts (WLA)  
From: Sherry Pollack, Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org  
Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026, 1:05 pm

**In support of SR155/SCR164**

Aloha Chair Lee, Vice Chair Inouye, and WLA Committee members;

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 SR155/SCR164**, 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 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 SR155/SCR164**. Mahalo nui for your consideration of this matter.

Sherry Pollack  
Co-Founder, 350Hawaii.org

**SCR-164**

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<b>Submitted By</b>	<b>Organization</b>	<b>Testifier Position</b>	<b>Testify</b>
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Comments:

Aloha Chair, Vice Chair, & WLA 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 SR155/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, and

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 SR155/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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# Environmental Caucus of The Democratic Party of Hawai'i

**TESTIMONY OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL CAUCUS OF THE DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF HAWAII IN SUPPORT OF SCR164 / SR155 PRIORITIZING EFFORTS TO PROTECT HAWAII'S CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE FROM FOREIGN INFLUENCE**

**Chair Mark J. Hashem, Vice Chair Dee Morikawa  
House Committee on Water and Land (WAL)**

**Date: Wednesday, April 8, 2026**

**Time: 1:05 PM**

**Place: Conference Room 224 & Videoconference**

Aloha Chair Hashem, Vice Chair Morikawa, and Members of the Committee:

The Environmental Caucus of the Democratic Party of Hawai'i **supports SCR164 / SR155**, which calls upon the State to prioritize the security, resilience, and reliability of Hawai'i's critical infrastructure and to protect these systems from foreign influence. The resolution recognizes that Hawai'i's geographic isolation, reliance on imports, and dependence on globally sourced technologies create unique vulnerabilities that require proactive, coordinated action.

**Foreign Influence Poses Real Risks to Critical Infrastructure**

As the resolution notes, federal national-security agencies have documented efforts by foreign governments and foreign-aligned stakeholders to influence or gain leverage over critical infrastructure systems across the United States. These systems include communications, water, food, energy, and related services essential to daily life and emergency response.

Foreign influence can manifest through: (1) ownership or investment structures that reduce transparency; (2) supply-chain dependencies that expose Hawai'i to geopolitical disruptions; (3) cybersecurity vulnerabilities in imported technologies; (4) price manipulation or strategic pressure affecting essential goods; and (5) operational risks tied to foreign-controlled components or software. SCR164 / SR155 appropriately recognizes these risks and urges the State to take steps to reduce exposure.

**Hawai'i's Geographic Isolation Heightens Vulnerability**

The resolution correctly identifies that Hawai'i's reliance on imported food, energy, materials, and infrastructure components increases the State's exposure to

global instability. Recent disruptions to global supply chains have demonstrated how quickly essential systems can be affected by events outside Hawai'i's control.

Strengthening local resilience—including reducing dependence on imports—supports: (1) food security; (2) energy reliability; (3) emergency preparedness; (4) environmental protection; and (5) economic stability.

### **State Agencies Have a Critical Role**

SCR164 / SR155 requests that state agencies prioritize the security and resilience of critical infrastructure in all plans, projects, programs, and decisions. This includes accelerating efforts to reduce dependence on imported food, energy, and commodities, and minimizing exposure to foreign influence and volatility.

This directive aligns with: (1) statewide emergency-management responsibilities; (2) long-term sustainability goals; (3) environmental-protection mandates; and (4) the need for coordinated, cross-agency risk assessment.

### **Environmental and Community Benefits**

Protecting critical infrastructure from foreign influence also supports environmental resilience. Failures in energy, water, wastewater, or communications systems can lead to: (1) hazardous spills; (2) contamination of ecosystems; (3) disruptions to emergency response; and (4) long-term harm to natural and cultural resources. By prioritizing infrastructure security and reducing external vulnerabilities, Hawai'i strengthens its ability to protect communities and the environment.

### **Conclusion**

SCR164 / SR155 is a prudent, forward-looking measure that enhances Hawai'i's ability to safeguard critical infrastructure, protect public safety, and reduce exposure to foreign influence. The Environmental Caucus respectfully urges the Committee to **pass SCR164 / SR155**.

Mahalo nui loa for the opportunity to testify.

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**SCR-164**

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Comments:

I, Johnnie-Mae L. Perry, Support

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

INCLUDING NO LNG INFRASTRUCTURES, ETC.

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**SCR-164**

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Comments:

**Strong Support SR155**

**Dana Keawe**

**Moku O Keawe**