
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING CONGRESS TO DECREASE THE UNITED STATES' DEPENDENCE ON
FOREIGN OIL AND INCREASE THE COUNTRY'S ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

1 WHEREAS, the United States is one of the world's largest
2 consumers of oil and oil-produced energy; and
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4 WHEREAS, as late as the 1970s, the major oil companies in
5 the United States accounted for 50 percent of global oil
6 production which has plummeted to a mere 13 percent today; and
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8 WHEREAS, oil production in the United States has decreased
9 from 9 million barrels per day to 5 million barrels per day over
10 the last 20 years making this country severely dependent on
11 foreign imported oil; and
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13 WHEREAS, this reliance on foreign imported oil has had a
14 negative impact on the economy of the United States as oil
15 markets controlled by foreign interests have caused the price of
16 a barrel of oil to fluctuate wildly over the past year; and
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18 WHEREAS, in the past, this wild fluctuation in oil prices
19 caused gasoline prices to fluctuate wildly with the country
20 experiencing rapid increases in gas prices over the past year;
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23 WHEREAS, increases in oil prices in the past have caused
24 transportation prices to increase and have initiated a domino
25 effect on other costs, including costs for food, travel, home
26 heating, and other expenses; and
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28 WHEREAS, the United States imports a tremendous amount of
29 oil from foreign countries, although oil fields in the United
30 States, including those in the Gulf of Mexico and Alaska,
31 continue to produce large quantities of oil; and



1 WHEREAS, the United States exports approximately 1.8
2 million barrels of our own oil each day; and

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4 WHEREAS, switching our energy dependency to other sources
5 of energy such as wind, solar, geothermal, and tidal, to name a
6 few, would not only reduce the amount of oil imports needed by
7 the United States but also have a positive effect on the
8 environment and global warming; now, therefore,

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10 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
11 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
12 of 2009, the Senate concurring, that the United States Congress
13 is urged to decrease the United States' dependence on foreign
14 oil and increase the country's energy efficiency by:

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- 16 (1) Stopping all oil exports from the United States to
- 17 foreign countries;
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- 19 (2) Raising the auto fuel efficiency standards by 7.6
- 20 miles per gallon by 2010;
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- 22 (3) Proposing legislation to require that 25 percent of
- 23 cars built in the United States for domestic use be
- 24 electric cars by 2020;
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- 26 (4) Increasing the country's focus on electrical energy
- 27 generated from non-fossil fuels; and
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- 29 (5) Shifting the policy for awarding energy subsidies in
- 30 the United States from oil to solar, wind, geothermal,
- 31 tidal, and deep ocean water energy;
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33 and

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35 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
36 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to Hawaii's Congressional
37 Delegation.

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