

HCR 67

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Aloha Senators:

We would like to press upon you the timeliness of this Resolution to Congress HCR 67.

As it so happens, in the U.S. Senate three Senators are right now and for the next few weeks drafting a bill on the subject matter that HCR 67 lists.

But, what you need to know pertains to the last line in HCR 67's title:

"...ADDRESSES THE CONSEQUENCES OF CLIMATE CHANGE *WITHOUT PREEMPTING STATES' RIGHTS* TO CONTROL EMISSIONS AND TO PROMOTE RENEWABLE ENERGY."

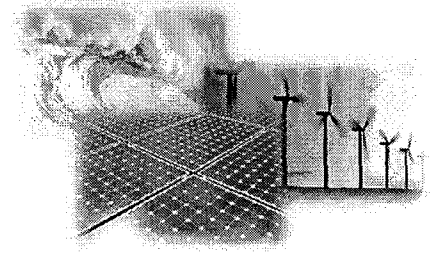
On that point I share the following information about the closed door negotiations that only became public today:

From: <http://thehill.com/homenews/senate/85355-kerry-lobbies-for-climate-compromise-actual-legislation-to-come-later>

"The lobbyist said Kerry, Graham and Lieberman have indicated to colleagues that their bill would "preempt" state efforts to reduce greenhouse gases. That would likely be controversial, but may be extra inducement to refiners who are opposed to efforts in California and elsewhere to develop a 'low carbon fuel standard.'"

So, ladies and gentlemen, if you agree with HCR 67's content, then you need to wiki-wiki pass and dispatch it to Congress while the content of the Senate's climate bill is still being drafted and more easily influenced.

Mahalo,
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**SENATE COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT
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TESTIMONY IN SUPPORT OF HCR 67

Chairs Gabbard and English and members of the committees:

The Blue Planet Foundation supports House Concurrent Resolution 67, a resolution asking Congress to pass comprehensive clean energy legislation. Blue Planet Foundation's mission is to end the use of fossil fuel on Earth, starting by making Hawai'i energy independent. We recognize that we simply cannot achieve this mission without the strong policy support of the United States.

Reigning in climate-changing carbon emissions globally is a matter of survival for Hawai'i and our Polynesian neighbors. Shifting weather patterns, rising sea levels, and stronger storms are predicted to worsen if the "business as usual" emissions trends continue globally.

Policy leadership by the United States on energy and climate issues not only helps America regain its standing in engineering and industry in the energy field, it will spur other countries to commit to critical carbon reduction goals. This commitment was elusive at the Copenhagen Climate Conference last December—largely due to the lack of aggressive U.S. domestic policy on climate change.

The comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation currently before the Senate is perhaps one of the most important pieces of legislation Congress will ever pass. This comprehensive legislation will make meaningful reductions in global warming pollution, spur investment in clean energy technology, create jobs and reduce our reliance on foreign oil. Most importantly, it will help restore America's leadership in the world and begin, at long last, to put in place a truly global solution to the climate crisis.

Passage of comprehensive clean energy and climate legislation puts the U.S. on course to:

- substantially drop below the business-as-usual carbon emissions path;
- start every major business planning for much deeper reductions;
- spur the cleantech venture and financing community;
- put in place the entire framework for U.S. climate regulations;
- accelerate many tens of gigawatts of different types of low-carbon energy into the marketplace;
- put billions into developing advanced low-carbon technology;
- start building out the smart, green grid of the 21st century;
- training and creating millions of clean energy jobs;
- negotiate a working international climate regime; and
- bring China into the climate negotiation process.

We are at an extraordinary moment, with a historic opportunity to confront one of the world's most serious challenges. Our nation's actions now will be remembered by this generation and all those to follow – in our own nation and others around the world.

We ask that Hawaii's leaders send this important message to Congress. Please forward this important resolution.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.