
SENATE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE MAYORS OF THE STATE'S COUNTIES TO SUBMIT A PLAN
DETAILING HOW EACH COUNTY WILL MEET ITS PLEDGE TO ELIMINATE
FOSSIL FUELS FROM GROUND TRANSPORTATION BY 2045.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii's dependence on imported fossil fuels
2 drains the state economy of billions of dollars each year, and
3 the volatility of imported fuel prices creates significant risks
4 for the economy and adds to costs for local families; and
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6 WHEREAS, the use of fossil fuels reduces air quality and
7 contributes to climate change through increased greenhouse gas
8 emissions in the atmosphere; and
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10 WHEREAS, on a per-mile basis, it is less expensive to
11 commute in an electric vehicle than it is to commute in a gas-
12 powered vehicle; and
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14 WHEREAS, according to the Hawaii State Energy Office,
15 ground transportation accounted for an estimated twenty-six
16 percent of Hawaii's fossil fuel usage in 2015; and
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18 WHEREAS, of the more than one million passenger vehicles
19 registered in the State, only about six thousand nine hundred
20 are fully electric and only about twenty-five thousand are
21 hybrid vehicles; and
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23 WHEREAS, on December 12, 2017, the Mayors of the City and
24 County of Honolulu, County of Maui, County of Hawaii, and County
25 of Kauai signed a corresponding proclamation to eliminate fossil
26 fuels from all ground transportation, public and private, by
27 2045; and
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29 WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu and the County of
30 Maui also pledged to transition all of their fleet vehicles to
31 one hundred percent clean energy by 2035; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Twenty-ninth
2 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2018,
3 that the City and County of Honolulu, County of Maui, County of
4 Hawaii, and County of Kauai Mayors are requested to submit a
5 plan detailing how each county intends to meet its pledge of
6 eliminating fossil fuels from ground transportation by 2045; and
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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to
9 consider installing electric vehicle charging ports and
10 converting its bus fleets to renewable technology as part of its
11 plan; and
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13 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each county is requested to
14 submit its plan to the Legislature no later than twenty days
15 prior to the start of the Regular Session of 2019; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
18 Resolution be transmitted to the Mayor of the City and County of
19 Honolulu, Mayor of the County of Maui, Mayor of the County of
20 Hawaii, and Mayor of the County of Kauai.

