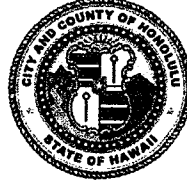


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February 6, 2023

The Honorable Matt Weyer, Chair
and Members
Committee on Housing, Sustainability and Health
Honolulu City Council
530 South King Street, Room 202
Honolulu, Hawai'i 96813

Dear Chair Waters and Councilmembers:

SUBJECT: Resolution 23-03

The City and County of Honolulu ("City") Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency ("CCSR") supports Resolution 23-03, affirming the City's ongoing commitment to goals of the Paris climate agreement and endorsing the Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty.

The City most recently reaffirmed its commitment to the goals of the Paris climate agreement in June of 2021 in publishing its first-ever Climate Action Plan, adopted by the Honolulu City Council ("Council") via Resolution 21-105. The Climate Action Plan sets a goal of 45 percent reduction in greenhouse gas emissions in the targeted sectors by 2025 (relative to 2015 levels) on the pathway to achieve the City's Climate Action Policy of net-negative carbon emissions by no later than 2045 as required by Ordinance 20-47 and state law. We recognize that clean and affordable renewable energy plays an important role in achieving these targets.

As part of the commitment to a just transition away from fossil fuels, the state adopted Act 23, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2020 to eliminate the use of coal—the dirtiest source of energy and largest source of carbon emissions—for electricity production in Hawai'i. Following the closure of the O'ahu's coal facility in September 2022, the City continues to serve as an active participant in the state's Powering Past Coal Taskforce to track and coordinate a comprehensive strategy to ensure energy demand is met with fossil fuel-free energy sources.


As charged by City Charter, CCSR remains committed to supporting City agencies

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and departments—and working with Council, community, and the state—in finding and delivering on solutions that support an affordable and just transition to a clean economy. Thank you for the opportunity to provide these comments in support of Resolution 23-03. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (808) 768-2277 or via e-mail at resilientoahu@honolulu.gov.

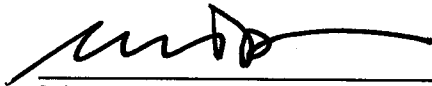
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