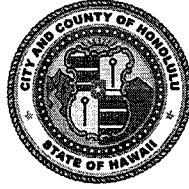


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February 17, 2023

The Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair and Presiding Officer
and Members
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 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 targeted greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals on the path to net-negative carbon emissions by no later than 2045 as required by Ordinance 20-47 and state law. We recognize that climate action can not only help us achieve these targets, but can do so with benefits to communities of cleaner air, lower utility bills, and good jobs.

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) for electricity production in Hawai'i. Following the closure of O'ahu's coal-powered 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 our demand for energy is met with fossil fuel-free energy sources.

As charged by City Charter, CCSR remains committed to working with Council, community, and the state to find and deliver on solutions that support an affordable and

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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.

Sincerely,



Matthew Gonser
Executive Director and
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