



Energy Independence Now



Congresswoman Hirono chairs a Congressional hearing and listens to expert testimony.

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Working Today for Energy Independence Tomorrow

Hard-working people of Hawaii demand honest leadership, bold vision, and a comprehensive strategy for our nation's energy future. I believe we must use Hawaii's spirit of innovation to stabilize energy prices, diversify our energy sources, and break our addiction to foreign oil.

By supporting significant investment in renewable energy alternatives from domestic sources – including those in Hawaii – we can not only find new energy sources but protect our families from sudden increases in the cost of living like we are currently experiencing.

I am working hard by strategizing with business and government leaders on long-term solutions and changes to our energy policies so that Hawaii can achieve energy independence.

We need to take strong action now to achieve energy independence, and I'm prepared to help Hawaii lead the way by taking bold steps toward a new energy policy.

I won't stop fighting for a new energy policy until Hawaii is no longer the most foreign-oil dependent state in the country, until families get relief at the gas pumps, and when food becomes less expensive.

In Congress, I'm working side by side with the leadership to craft forward-thinking policies towards energy independence. The Energy Independence and Security Act (P.L. 110-140) accomplished many of these goals.

- **Better Fuel Economy.** By investing in alternative fuels it ensures that in 12 years the average car will get 35 miles per gallon. Americans will both save at the pump and dramatically cut pollution.

- **Increasing Production of Renewable Fuels.** By mandating the use of renewable fuels, we can increase our use from 9 billion gallons in 2008 to 36 billion gallons in 2022.

- **Training and Research.** There are now more opportunities for investing in Hawaii-based training programs to work in green industries, as well as the ability to accelerate research in alternative energy, including marine energy technologies.

- **Increasing Efficiency.** We are setting more stringent energy-efficiency standards for appliances and lighting.

Congresswoman Hirono invited House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee Chair Jim Oberstar to look at a variety of transportation projects in Hawaii. Chairman Oberstar visited Oahu, Maui, and Lanai and gained a deeper appreciation of the many transportation challenges Hawaii faces.



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