

A New Energy Policy for Hawaii

Dear Friend,

As I travel across the state, I am alarmed at the increasing costs of just about everything. Prices continue to rise, as do our worries about how to hold down costs for our families. But with the average homeowner energy bill in Hawaii as much as 42% higher than last year, families are facing real challenges. We need solutions now.

That's why I am committed to a new energy policy. I believe we can find long-term solutions in Hawaii for Hawaii. I believe that by working with Hawaii-based companies who are pioneering ways to convert algae and sugar cane into ethanol, by using our natural resources and by making long-term investments for Hawaii-based solutions, we can achieve lower costs and become less foreign-oil dependent.

Together, we can find solutions in Hawaii for Hawaii, become energy independent and put long-term, green solutions into action.

Mahalo –

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Fighting for Energy Independence Today...

Hawaii currently relies on imported oil to provide about 90 percent of its energy, making Hawaii one of the most oil-dependent states in the country. The cost of oil keeps rising, and we can't keep paying these huge prices at the gas pump and at the grocery store. We need immediate relief and long-term change in our energy policies.



Change begins by

- Ending the massive tax breaks awarded to oil companies. (H.R. 5351)
- Supporting alternative energy investments and developments. (H.R. 6, H.R. 5351)
- Extending and expanding incentives for renewable electricity, energy, and fuel, as well as for plug-in hybrid cars, and energy-efficient homes, buildings, and appliances. (H.R. 6, H.R. 5351)

While on Maui visiting a renewable fuel lab, Mazie learns about a car that is run entirely on french fry oil.

...For a Better Hawaii Tomorrow

We can take advantage of Hawaii's unique environment and find new ways to safely and cleanly harness energy from our environment. We need to boost biofuel production, and I am committed to working with Hawaii-based companies to find energy sources from such things as algae and sugar cane. And all of these

investments in alternative fuels will create thousands of new jobs.

We can live in a Hawaii that is less dependent on foreign oil and uses renewable energy to help fight global warming, and makes our nation stronger. (H.R. 6, H.R. 5351)

Actions We Can Take Now to Decrease Our Dependence on Foreign Oil

SAVING ACTION	BASED ON	ENERGY SAVED PER YEAR	MONEY SAVED PER YEAR
Use 26-watt CFL bulb instead of 100-watt bulb	Three hours use per day	81 kWh	up to \$20
Use two fans instead of 8,000 BTU room air conditioner	Running four hours a day	1,150 kWh	\$283
Spend less time in the shower	Cutting showers by two minutes	1,533 kWh	\$383
Fix leaky faucets	The cost of one drop of hot water per second	400 kWh	\$100
Use cold water to wash clothes	Two loads of laundry per week	225 kWh	\$56

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