

Ka Mana

Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection

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Welcome

Welcome to *Ka Mana: Hawaii's Interfaith Energy & Climate Connection*, a project of [Hawaii Interfaith Power & Light](http://www.hipl.org) (HIPL). *Ka Mana* connects our interfaith, decision-making, and advocacy communities in Hawaii's historic transition to 100% renewable energy and a carbon-neutral economy. Inspired by shared values, effective action, a sense of urgency for fossil-fuel-free Hawaii futures ASAP, and a vision of social, economic, and environmental equity for all, together we can do this! Welcome to this Historic Moment.

Inspired by Effective Action

What do we mean when we say that we are inspired by effective action? A former Hawaii legislator said recently that she doesn't know anybody who doesn't appreciate our urgent need for effective climate action, but we don't know yet what to do as communities. We need effective leadership to guide our collaborative climate action. **Leadership is the first effective action that will inspire us!**

The 2019 Hawaii State Legislature

In 2017, the Hawaii State Legislature mandated 100% renewable energy by 2045. In 2018, the Legislature mandated a 100% carbon-neutral economy by 2045, and Hawaii's counties are already making steady progress toward these goals. Understandably, we approached Hawaii's 2019 legislative session with expectations.

As the 2019 session started, HIPL was tracking a 9-page spreadsheet of selected energy/climate bills. Halfway into the session, HIPL was tracking the 4 pages of those bills that were still alive. As the 2019 session ends, just 5 bills (3 for studies) are still alive from HIPL's original 9 pages. Special interest bills got more headlines than energy or climate bills, and many of us seem to be struggling a bit to keep on the sunny side, but . . .

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Blessings on your journey, Sister Joan Chatfield, 1932 – 2019.

It's Not Over!

. . . Hawaii's transition to 100% renewable energy has just begun! Because we cannot afford to fail, it's okay if we need to take a year to study and plan for effective collaborative action. Measure twice, cut once, as old carpenters say! Now, we need to use this year wisely and help our Office of Planning and our legislators prepare for a hugely productive 2020 legislative session. Let's BE the leadership that we need ASAP for inspired and effective energy/climate action going forward!



Earth Day 2019 – Monday, April 22

Earth Day celebrates the beauty of this living Planet and reaffirms our spiritual connections as well as our commitment to responsible, effective stewardship of our shared Home. **Let's do unto the Earth as we would have the Earth do unto us.** Let's celebrate renewable human spirit as well as renewable energy, and let's commit to protecting hope as well as to protecting life on Earth!