

September 2023 CCL Hawaii Newsletter

STATE UPDATES

September CCL Hawaii Statewide Meeting

Our monthly meeting is on Wednesday, September 27, 5:00 - 6:00 PM HST.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to connecting and sharing. Please feel free to share with your friends and neighbors.

AGENDA

- Welcome
- About CCL
- Hawaii and National Highlights
- Climate Action (September Actions)
- Q&A

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88151140434>

Meeting ID: 881 5114 0434

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People can use the following calendar invite:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZwscuipqjsuGdA6-95AzsFv-a2M1fO4aq-T/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGgrz4rG9CVtBqDRpw-BY_4d-vwiGJbjad8ylK8VgFJcSXge-MQH-N5P4zR

Highlights of the August 23rd CCL Hawaii meeting

Mahalo to Chisato who told us all about the Climate Future Forum (CFF) event for 2023

CFF has the following goals for youth

- Teaching skills on how to engage in the upcoming legislative session:
 - Testifying for bills
 - Keeping in touch with legislators and nonprofits
- Evaluating policy priorities to focus on for each policy area group
- Developing a robust plan with actionable tasks to ensure progress in the next legislative session

Adults can be Mentors

- Work with youth policy leaders to learn about policy
- Work with youth to explain how change can be made in policy area
- Guide youth policy leaders through outreach and legislative action related to policy area
- Contact Paul Bernstein if interested: paulbernstein2004@yahoo.com

Carbon Cashback

CCL Hawaii collaborates with the Carbon Cashback Task Force, which advocates for carbon fee and dividend policy at the state level.

The Carbon Cashback Task Force is meeting with legislators for in-depth discussions. If you would like to join a meeting or help contact legislators for a meeting, contact Doug Hagan (dhagan111@gmail.com)

[Carbon Cashback Newsletter](#) - The latest newsletter *focuses on* how Carbon Cashback would help low-income families by putting money in their pocketbooks. The Governor's emergency proclamation on the housing crisis is a recent example of efforts to provide relief to struggling families from the steep cost of living in Hawai'i. Carbon Cashback is a policy that would do exactly that—it would put money in the pocketbooks of Hawai'i's families.

[Sign up to receive the Carbon Cashback newsletter](#)

NATIONAL ACTIONS

Easy Action - It takes just need 5 minutes!

- **Keep Pushing Congress for Permitting Reform**

Congress addressed permitting reform earlier this year in the debt ceiling bill, but it wasn't quite up to par. We're building support for a new, standalone legislative package. It's easy with CCL's new Click-to-Call tool

Take a few minutes to call now at cclusa.org/action if you haven't already.

- **Write your Congressional representatives about the [call from the African Climate Summit for world leaders to rally behind a global carbon tax on fossil fuels](#)**

Here is a sample email that Paul sent to his representatives. You are welcome to use it. It's best if you can include a personal story about why pricing fossil fuels is important to you

I'm a constituent and a voter. The call from the first African Climate Summit for world leaders to rally behind a global carbon tax on fossil fuels shows the global support for carbon pricing and the recognition that such a policy is needed if we are to meet the goals of the Paris Climate Accord.

Therefore, I'm writing to you today urging you to support and promote legislation that calls for placing a price on fossil fuels. To make this policy progressive, thereby not disadvantaging low- and middle-income households, the revenues from the tax should be returned to people in equal shares. Since wealthy people, on average, consume more fossil fuels directly and indirectly (through the purchase of goods and services), they will pay more in taxes; but since everyone receives the same amount of money back, low- and middle-income households will fare better.

A carbon fee with proceeds returned to U.S. households is a climate policy that would reduce carbon emissions throughout the economy without burdening consumers. I'm writing to urge you to support and vote for a carbon fee and dividend bill in the future when there is an opportunity to enact this policy. Mahalo nui loa for listening to my request.

Links to contacting your representative.

Brian Schatz - <https://www.schatz.senate.gov/contact>

Mazie Hirono - <https://www.hirono.senate.gov/contact>

Ed Case - <https://case.house.gov/contact/>

Jill Tokuda - <https://tokuda.house.gov/contact>

After you write your members of Congress please add your action to the [Action Tracker](#).

You can do it in one action - "Contacted three Members of Congress" - and list them.

MEDIA - SOCIAL MEDIA ACTIONS

Help spread the word about climate change and solutions — click to share CCL's social posts at our "[Spread the Word](https://cclusa.org/stw)" (cclusa.org/stw) action page, which is updated regularly. Be sure to add a note about your own experience with extreme weather, fire, flood or drought in your post!

If you need help getting started on social media, check out the training available on the CCL Community [Social Media for Volunteers and Chapters](https://cclusa.org/social-media-training) (cclusa.org/social-media-training) topics page.

If you have any questions or comments about the newsletter contact Virginia Tincher at vatincher@gmail.com