



Association of Pacific Island Legislatures

American Samoa
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
FSM, State of Chuuk
FSM, State of Kosrae
FSM, State of Pohnpei
FSM, State of Yap
Island of Guam
Republic of Kiribati
Republic of the Marshall Islands
Republic of Nauru
Republic of Palau
State of Hawaii

A RESOLUTION

APIL Resolution No. 42-GA-02

“Establishing a special committee within the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to assess and recommend lowering the rising cost of fuel in APIL member states.”

1 **WHEREAS**, the cost of fuel across Association of Pacific Island Legislatures
2 (APIL) member states in the Pacific region has significantly increased, affecting
3 transportation, food security, energy generation, and the cost of living for island
4 communities; and

5 **WHEREAS**, APIL member states are particularly vulnerable to global price
6 fluctuations due to their geographic isolation, dependence on imported petroleum products,
7 and limited economies of scale; and

8 **WHEREAS**, fluctuating fuel prices have direct and disproportionate impacts on
9 local economies, government budgets, and the delivery of essential public services; and

10 **WHEREAS**, collaboration and shared research are necessary to better understand
11 the root causes of high fuel costs and to identify sustainable, long-term strategies to
12 mitigate their impact; and

13 **WHEREAS**, APIL, as a regional legislative body, is uniquely positioned to
14 coordinate joint study and advocacy efforts to seek solutions, including alternative energy
15 development, bulk purchasing strategies, and improved transportation logistics; now,
16 therefore,

17 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures that there is
18 hereby established a Special Committee on Fuel Costs and Energy Security composed of
19 representatives from Member States, tasked to:


- 20 1. Assess and document current fuel pricing structures and contributing factors
21 across Member States;
22 2. Examine options for APIL cooperation in bulk purchasing, shipping
23 logistics, and storage;

- 1 3. Explore alternative and renewable energy options suited to small island
2 economies;
3 4. Consult with regional and international organizations on strategies to
4 stabilize or reduce fuel costs;
5 5. Assess best options for APIL members to reduce fuel prices; and
6 6. Submit findings and recommendations to the APIL Board of Directors for
7 further action and possible legislative proposals.

8 **BE IT RESOLVED** by the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures, 42nd
9 General Assembly on Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, October
10 28-29, 2025, that the members of the Association of the Pacific Island Legislatures, hereby
11 establishes a special committee within the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures to
12 assess and recommend lowering the rising cost of fuel in APIL member states; and

13 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the APIL President shall certify, and the
14 APIL Secretary shall attest to the adoption hereof and that copies of the same shall be
15 thereafter transmitted to the Chief Executive and Legislative Presiding Officers of each
16 member of the Association of Pacific Island Legislatures.

DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED ON THE 29TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.



EDMUND S. VILLAGOMEZ
ACTING PRESIDENT



VICTOR BAMOG
ACTING SECRETARY

