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**Local documentary examines impact of
climate change in Hawaii**
“Hawaii’s Climate Crisis” to air Jan. 15 on KHON 2

Will rising sea levels turn Waikiki into a Polynesian Venice? Will changing weather patterns dampen the visitor industry? Is there anything the people of Hawaii can do to head off a coming climate crisis?

Such questions are explored in “Hawaii’s Climate Crisis,” an eye-opening one-hour documentary scheduled to air at 9 p.m., January 15 on KHON 2, immediately after the season premiere of “American Idol.”

In the same way that former Vice President Al Gore first exposed the science behind climate change to many Americans, “Hawaii’s Climate Crisis” illustrates how global warming presents unique challenges for Hawaii and will require unique actions if we are to lessen its impact.

Local video producer Ted Obringer (OC16’s Go Green Hawaii series) and veteran broadcast journalist Russell Shimooka speak with government officials, legislators, policy makers, environmental advocates, scientists and business leaders to examine what climate change may mean for Hawaii’s environment and economy.

“Hawaii’s Climate Crisis” reveals Hawaii’s special vulnerability to global climate change caused by dependence on fossil fuels for electricity, transportation and more. The documentary also describes how Hawaii’s unique geography, economy and society will force us to look for global warming solutions different from those pursued by other states and nations.

“Hawaii’s Climate Crisis” is sponsored by the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum and Hawaiian Electric Company as a public service.

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