
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO END CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERISLAND HIGH-VOLTAGE UNDERSEA ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CABLE SYSTEM AND INDUSTRIAL WIND FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND OF LĀNA'I.

1 WHEREAS, Act 165, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2012 (Act 165),
2 authorized the construction and development of an interisland
3 high-voltage undersea electric transmission cable system to link
4 the electricity consumers of the island of O'ahu to the wind
5 energy generation facilities located on other islands of the
6 State; and

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8 WHEREAS, Act 165 explicitly stated that nothing in the Act
9 "is intended to require the construction of an interisland cable
10 from any particular island"; and

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12 WHEREAS, notwithstanding Act 165, the initial placement of
13 hundreds of industrial wind turbines was targeted for placement
14 in historic Ka'a ahupua'a, on the island of Lāna'i; and

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16 WHEREAS, residents and community groups on Lāna'i and around
17 the State have strongly and consistently opposed the
18 construction of industrial wind energy facilities on Lāna'i; and

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20 WHEREAS, in May 2012, ninety-eight percent of Lāna'i was
21 purchased by Lanai Island Holdings, LLC; and

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23 WHEREAS, Pūlama Lāna'i and its parent company Lanai Island
24 Holdings, LLC, have expressed no desire or plan to place
25 industrial wind turbines in Ka'a ahupua'a; and

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27 WHEREAS, H.C.R. No. 189, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2013,
28 requested the Governor to engage and work with Lāna'i, Moloka'i,
29 and the other neighbor island communities when formulating



1 energy policy and identifying energy projects for the State of
2 Hawai'i; and
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4 WHEREAS, in May 2013, the Hawaiian Electric Company
5 publicly stated it no longer needed industrial wind energy from
6 Lāna'i to meet the renewable portfolio standards set forth in
7 section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and
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9 WHEREAS, the State Energy Office of the Department of
10 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism thereafter publicly
11 also stated that energy from industrial wind turbines on Lāna'i
12 is not needed for the State to meet its energy goals; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Governor also publicly stated that an
15 industrial wind energy facility on Lāna'i would interfere with
16 the vision of Lanai Island Holdings, LLC, to make the island of
17 Lāna'i a world-class model of energy self-sufficiency; now,
18 therefore,
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20 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
21 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawai'i, Regular
22 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Public
23 Utilities Commission is urged to terminate consideration of an
24 interisland high-voltage electric transmission cable system and
25 the construction of industrial-scale wind energy generation
26 facilities on the island of Lāna'i; and
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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
29 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
30 Public Utilities Commission; Mayor of Maui County; Lanai Island
31 Holdings, LLC; Castle & Cooke Hawai'i, Inc.; and the Executive
32 Directors of Friends of Lāna'i, Lanaians for Sensible Growth,
33 Lāna'i Community Association, Lāna'i Cultural and Heritage
34 Center, and Kupa'a nō Lāna'i.
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OFFERED BY:

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