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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE AUDITOR TO EVALUATE THE IMPACTS THAT THE NEXTERA ENERGY MERGER MAY HAVE ON HAWAII WORKERS IN THE ENERGY INDUSTRIES.

1           WHEREAS, jobs in Hawaii's energy industries provide a  
2 strong tax base and economic stability and are essential to  
3 maintaining a strong middle-class in the State of Hawaii; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the utility and energy industries in the State of  
6 Hawaii and their employees will be impacted by the NextEra  
7 Energy merger with Hawaiian Electric Industries; and  
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9           WHEREAS, the Legislature is committed to not only an  
10 environmentally responsible, but an economically sound, Hawaii  
11 that provides sustainable career paths for current and future  
12 generations in the State; and  
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14           WHEREAS, Hawaii's ability to smoothly transition to its  
15 twenty-first century energy future is dependent upon the  
16 collaboration of all parties involved, from the legislative,  
17 corporate, community, environmental, and labor sectors of the  
18 State; and  
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20           WHEREAS, there has been only limited analyses of the direct  
21 or indirect impact that the out-of-state purchase of local  
22 utilities might have on local jobs; now, therefore,  
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24           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
25 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
26 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Auditor is  
27 requested to evaluate the impact that the NextEra Energy merger  
28 may have on Hawaii's workers in the energy industries; and  
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# H.C.R. NO. 226

1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Auditor is also requested  
2 to evaluate the possibilities of:

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- 4 (1) Transitioning current workers that may be directly
- 5 affected by the merger into new jobs created in
- 6 Hawaii's renewable energy future;
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- 8 (2) Incentivizing current companies to transition into new
- 9 areas of "renewable electrical energy", using their
- 10 current workforce;
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- 12 (3) Incentivizing companies to continue sustainable
- 13 employment for workers directly affected by the merger
- 14 at a standard of living that will maintain a strong
- 15 middle class lifestyle; and
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- 17 (4) Deterring companies involved in the energy industry
- 18 from acting in a way that is detrimental to Hawaii's
- 19 workers and the community; and
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that that Auditor is requested to  
22 submit findings and recommendations, including any proposed  
23 legislation, to the Legislature no later than September 31,  
24 2015; and

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26 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this  
27 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Auditor.  
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OFFERED BY: 

MAR 13 2015

