
HOUSE RESOLUTION

EXPRESSING SUPPORT OF FURTHER DISCUSSION ON THE POSSIBILITY OF
LOCAL OWNERSHIP AND CONTROL OF ELECTRIC UTILITIES.

1 WHEREAS, the pending sale of Hawaiian Electric Industries,
2 Inc., to Florida-based NextEra Energy has spurred public
3 interest in examining different ownership schemes for Hawaii's
4 electric utility service; and

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6 WHEREAS, jobs in Hawaii's energy industries provide a
7 strong tax base and economic stability and are essential to
8 maintaining a strong middle-class in the State of Hawaii; and

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10 WHEREAS, the utility and energy industries in the State of
11 Hawaii and their employees will be impacted by the NextEra
12 Energy acquisition of Hawaiian Electric Industries; and

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14 WHEREAS, the Hawaii Island Energy Cooperative was formed to
15 explore public ownership by consumers of Hawaii Island electric
16 utility services; now, therefore,

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18 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
19 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
20 Session of 2015, that this body expresses its support of efforts
21 to facilitate local ownership and control of electric utilities
22 and local generation of energy; and

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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
25 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
26 Utilities Commission.

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OFFERED BY:

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