
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO THE POWER OUTAGE
RESULTING FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2006, EARTHQUAKES.

1 WHEREAS, during the early morning on October 15, 2006, two
2 large earthquakes occurred within minutes of each other off the
3 coast of the island of Hawai'i; and
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5 WHEREAS, the earthquakes' effects were felt across the
6 State, including the island of Oahu; and
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8 WHEREAS, minutes after the second earthquake ended, an
9 electrical power outage occurred across the entire island of
10 Oahu; and
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12 WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) response in
13 restoring power seemed unreasonably slow, and hundreds of
14 thousands of HECO's customers were left without power for up to
15 a day following the earthquake; and
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17 WHEREAS, residents on Oahu and customers of Hawaiian
18 Electric Company are understandably concerned about the causes
19 of the power outage, the lengthy duration of the power outage,
20 and efforts that can be taken to prevent future power outages of
21 this scope and magnitude; now, therefore,
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23 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
25 Session of 2007, that the Public Utilities Commission is
26 requested to conduct an investigation of the management,
27 procedures, and practices of the Hawaiian Electric Company with
28 regard to its response to the October 15, 2006, earthquakes and
29 resulting power outage; and
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31 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
32 is requested to include in its investigation an examination of
33 the timeliness and appropriateness of HECO's response and
34 measures to be taken to improve response in the future; and



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2 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
3 is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the
4 Legislature not later than twenty days before the convening of
5 the Regular Session of 2008; and

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7 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
8 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
9 Utilities Commission, the Director of Finance, and the Chief
10 Executive Officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company.
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OFFERED BY:

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By Request

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