
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO EXPLORE THE
FEASIBILITY OF RETAIL WHEELING THROUGH AN INVESTIGATIVE
DOCKET.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii relies on imported oil to meet over ninety
2 per cent of the State's energy needs, leaving the State
3 vulnerable to oil supply disruptions and volatility in the oil
4 markets; and

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6 WHEREAS, the State needs to take action to explore all
7 options to support the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative to create
8 a clean energy economy; and

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10 WHEREAS, in retail wheeling, energy consumers are able to
11 select their own energy supplier or "wheel in" energy across
12 transmission or distribution lines owned by a third party; and

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14 WHEREAS, retail wheeling was discussed in the electric
15 industry restructuring docket, which closed in 2003, and in the
16 Hawaii Energy Policy Forum's 2003 final report on Hawaii energy
17 utility regulation and taxation; and

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19 WHEREAS, the intergovernmental wheeling docket has been
20 suspended until December 2010 by the Public Utilities Commission
21 in order to allow the Commission to conduct its investigation of
22 the feed-in tariff docket; and

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24 WHEREAS, retail wheeling falls outside the scope of the
25 intergovernmental wheeling docket; and

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27 WHEREAS, retail wheeling may require the unbundling of
28 tariffs for the ancillary components of the services provided by
29 a public utility, such as the transmission and distribution
30 system, reliability of service, and power quality; and

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32 WHEREAS, retail wheeling also requires the regulation of
33 tariffs related to a "smart grid" as a partial solution to



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1 accommodate increasing amounts of intermittent, renewable energy
2 on the electrical grid; now, therefore,

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4 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
5 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
6 of 2010, that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to
7 explore the concept of retail wheeling through an investigative
8 docket; and

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10 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that if the Public Utilities
11 Commission determines that there are fundamental issues pending
12 before the Commission that must be resolved before a retail
13 wheeling investigative docket can be opened, the Commission is
14 requested to submit a report to the Legislature that includes:

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- 16 (1) The issues that must be resolved before an
- 17 investigative docket can proceed;
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- 19 (2) The priority of the issues that must be resolved; and
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- 21 (3) The time and resources estimated to be allocated by
- 22 the Commission to resolve those issues; and
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24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
25 is requested to submit its report not later than twenty days
26 prior to the convening of the 2011 Regular Session; and

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28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
29 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
30 Utilities Commission.

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