
HOUSE RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT A STUDY ON
RETAIL WHEELING TO SUPPORT THE DEVELOPMENT OF RENEWABLE
ENERGY SYSTEMS TO MEET THE ELECTRICITY NEEDS OF RETAIL
CUSTOMERS.

1 WHEREAS, Hawaii relies on imported oil to meet over ninety
2 per cent of the State's energy needs, leaving Hawaii critically
3 vulnerable to oil supply interruptions and oil price volatility;
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6 WHEREAS, there is a need to take bold action to explore all
7 procurement options in support of the Hawaii Clean Energy
8 Initiative in order to integrate Hawaii's indigenous renewable
9 energy resources in electricity production to promote economic
10 stability, enhance energy security, and demonstrate
11 environmental stewardship; and
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13 WHEREAS, while programs like the renewable energy
14 technologies income tax credit and the building of new power
15 generation facilities by electric utilities may incur direct and
16 indirect costs and benefits to Hawaii's taxpayers or ratepayers,
17 there are many other strategies that may have no, or only an
18 insignificant, impact on the taxpayers or ratepayers; and
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20 WHEREAS, retail wheeling is defined as the process of
21 transmitting electric power from an electricity producer's point
22 of generation across a third-party-owned transmission and
23 distribution system to a retail customer; and
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25 WHEREAS, renewable energy production would be enhanced if
26 renewable energy producers or sellers are allowed to transmit
27 electricity to their retail customers over existing electric
28 public utility transmission lines; and
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30 WHEREAS, a study, on retail wheeling would assist the
31 Legislature in drafting legislation to increase renewable energy
32 production using retail wheeling; now, therefore,
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1 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
2 Twenty-fifth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session
3 of 2010, that the Public Utilities Commission is requested to
4 conduct a study on retail wheeling to support the development of
5 renewable energy systems to meet the electricity needs of retail
6 customers; and

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8 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
9 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
10 Utilities Commission.
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