
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE GOVERNOR AND THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO SEEK ALTERNATIVES TO THE INDUSTRIAL WIND GENERATION FACILITIES AND INTERISLAND HIGH-VOLTAGE UNDERSEA ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CABLE SYSTEM PROPOSED FOR THE ISLANDS OF MOLOKAI AND LANAI.

1 WHEREAS, the construction and operation of an interisland
2 high-voltage undersea electric transmission cable system has the
3 potential to improve the distribution of electricity and power
4 throughout the State; and

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6 WHEREAS, Act 165, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorized
7 the construction and development of an interisland high-voltage
8 undersea electric transmission cable system to link the
9 electricity consumers of the island of Oahu to the wind energy
10 generation facilities located on other islands of the State; and

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12 WHEREAS, although the development of the interisland high-
13 voltage undersea electric transmission cable system is
14 innovative and seemingly attractive, the placement of wind
15 energy generation facilities near communities throughout the
16 State could have a profoundly negative impact on the communities
17 surrounding the facilities; and

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19 WHEREAS, wind turbines have caught fire, collapsed, or
20 expelled their rotor blades during operation, thereby creating
21 potential health and safety hazards for people living in the
22 communities near the wind generation facilities; and

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24 WHEREAS, wind turbines affect the beauty of the landscape,
25 create noise pollution, impede subsistence hunting, gathering,
26 and fishing, and pose potential health risks for those who live
27 nearby; and

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29 WHEREAS, Act 165, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorizes a
30 regulatory structure for the construction of the interisland

1 high-voltage undersea electric transmission cable system, but
2 does not require the construction of the system; and
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4 WHEREAS, residents and community groups on Molokai and
5 Lanai have strongly opposed the construction of wind energy
6 generation facilities on those islands; and
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8 WHEREAS, seeking island-specific alternatives to the
9 construction and development of the interisland high-voltage
10 undersea electric transmission cable system would enable the
11 State to explore and develop energy options that may be less
12 disruptive to the environment and community; now, therefore,
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14 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
15 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
16 Session of 2013, the Senate concurring, that the Governor and
17 the Public Utilities Commission are requested to seek island-
18 specific alternatives to the industrial wind generation
19 facilities and interisland high-voltage undersea electric
20 transmission cable system now being considered; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor, the
24 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, the Mayor of the
25 County of Maui, and the Executive Director of I Aloha Molokai,
26 Friends of Lanai, Lanaians for Sensible Growth, Kupaa No Lanai,
27 and the Lanai Cultural and Heritage Center, respectively.
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