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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE GOVERNOR TO ENGAGE AND WORK WITH LANAI, MOLOKAI,  
AND THE OTHER NEIGHBOR ISLAND COMMUNITIES WHEN FORMULATING  
ENERGY POLICY AND IDENTIFYING ENERGY PROJECTS FOR THE STATE  
OF HAWAII.

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 affect the beauty of the landscape,  
20 create noise pollution, impede subsistence hunting, gathering,  
21 and fishing, and pose potential risks for those who live nearby;  
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24           WHEREAS, residents and community groups on Molokai and  
25 Lanai have strongly opposed the construction of wind energy  
26 generation facilities on those islands; and  
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28           WHEREAS, Act 165, Session Laws of Hawaii 2012, authorizes a  
29 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, the community on the island of Molokai has already  
5 begun working together with the State on an island-specific  
6 alternative plan to develop local renewable energy that will be  
7 less disruptive to the environment and the community; and  
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9 WHEREAS, energy projects face much less community  
10 opposition, delay, and legal challenges when the community is  
11 engaged early and is given the opportunity to work together with  
12 the State and energy partners; 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 is  
17 requested to engage and work with Lanai, Molokai, and the other  
18 neighbor island communities when formulating energy policy and  
19 identifying energy projects for the State of Hawaii; and  
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21 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
22 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Governor,  
23 Chairperson of the Public Utilities Commission, Mayor of each  
24 county, Executive Director of I Aloha Molokai, Friends of Lanai,  
25 Lanaians for Sensible Growth, Kupaa No Lanai, and Lanai Cultural  
26 and Heritage Center.

