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