

STAND. COM. REP. NO.

1707

Honolulu, Hawaii

April 12, 2013

RE: H.R. No. 150

H.D. 1

Honorable Joseph M. Souki
Speaker, House of Representatives
Twenty-Seventh State Legislature
Regular Session of 2013
State of Hawaii

Sir:

Your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and
Consumer Protection & Commerce, to which was referred H.R. No. 150
entitled:

"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,"

beg leave to report as follows:

The purpose of this measure is to request the Governor and
the Public Utilities Commission to seek island-specific
alternatives to the industrial wind generation facilities and
interisland high-voltage undersea electric transmission cable
system now being considered.

The The Outdoor Circle, Maunalua Hawaiian Civic Club, and
several individuals provided testimony in support of this measure.
Castle and Cooke Hawaii, The Pacific Resource Partnership, and a
few individuals provided testimony in opposition to this measure.
The Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs Division of
Consumer Advocacy, Public Utilities Commission, and an individual
provided comments on this measure.

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Your Committees have amended this measure by:

- (1) Amending its title to read, "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";
- (2) Deleting the clause specifying the dangers of wind turbines;
- (3) Stating generally that wind turbines pose risks for those who live nearby, rather than only health risks;
- (4) Deleting the clause stating that seeking island-specific alternatives to the construction and development of the undersea cable system would enable the State to explore and develop less disruptive energy options;
- (5) Inserting a clause recognizing that the community on Molokai has already begun working with the State on an island-specific plan to develop local renewable energy that will be less disruptive to the environment and community;
- (6) Inserting a clause recognizing that energy projects face less community opposition, delay, and legal challenges when the community is given the opportunity to work with the State and energy partners;
- (7) Amending the measure to request the Governor to engage and work with Lanai, Molokai, and other neighbor island communities when formulating energy policy and identifying energy projects for the State instead of requesting the Governor and the Public Utilities Commission to seek alternatives to wind generation facilities and the undersea cable;
- (8) Specifying that the Mayor of Hawaii County, the Mayor of Kauai County, and the Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu shall also receive certified copies of this measure; and
- (9) Making technical, nonsubstantive amendments for the purposes of clarity, consistency, and style.



As affirmed by the records of votes of the members of your Committees on Energy & Environmental Protection and Consumer Protection & Commerce that are attached to this report, your Committees concur with the intent and purpose of H.R. No. 150, as amended herein, and recommend its adoption in the form attached hereto as H.R. No. 150, H.D. 1.

Respectfully submitted on
behalf of the members of the
Committees on Energy &
Environmental Protection and
Consumer Protection & Commerce,



ANGUS L.K. MCKELVEY, Chair



CHRIS LEE, Chair



