
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO END CONSIDERATION OF
THE CONSTRUCTION OF INDUSTRIAL WIND FACILITIES ON THE
ISLAND OF LANA'I.

1 WHEREAS, Act 165, Session Laws of Hawai'i 2012 (Act 165),
2 authorized the construction and development of an interisland
3 high-voltage undersea electric transmission cable system to link
4 the electricity consumers of the island of O'ahu to the wind
5 energy generation facilities located on other islands of the
6 State; and

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8 WHEREAS, notwithstanding Act 165, the initial placement of
9 hundreds of industrial wind turbines was targeted for placement
10 in the historic Ka'a ahupua'a, on the island of Lāna'i; and

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12 WHEREAS, residents and community groups on Lāna'i and around
13 the State have strongly and consistently opposed the
14 construction of industrial wind energy facilities on Lāna'i; and

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16 WHEREAS, in May 2012, ninety-eight percent of Lāna'i was
17 purchased by Lanai Island Holdings, LLC; and

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19 WHEREAS, Pūlama Lāna'i and its parent company Lanai Island
20 Holdings, LLC, have expressed no desire or plan to place
21 industrial wind turbines in the Ka'a ahupua'a; and

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23 WHEREAS, H.C.R. No. 189, H.D. 1, Regular Session of 2013,
24 requested the Governor to engage and work with Lāna'i, Moloka'i,
25 and the other neighbor island communities when formulating
26 energy policy and identifying energy projects for the State of
27 Hawai'i; and

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29 WHEREAS, in May 2013, the Hawaiian Electric Company
30 publicly stated it no longer needed industrial wind energy from



1 Lānaʻi to meet the renewable portfolio standards set forth in
2 section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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4 WHEREAS, the State Energy Office of the Department of
5 Business, Economic Development, and Tourism thereafter publicly
6 also stated that energy from industrial wind turbines on Lānaʻi
7 is not needed for the State to meet its energy goals; and

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9 WHEREAS, the Governor also publicly stated that an
10 industrial wind energy facility on Lānaʻi would interfere with
11 the vision of Lanai Island Holdings, LLC, to make the island of
12 Lānaʻi a world-class model of energy self-sufficiency; now,
13 therefore,

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15 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
16 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaiʻi, Regular
17 Session of 2014, the Senate concurring, that the Public
18 Utilities Commission is urged to terminate consideration of the
19 construction of industrial-scale wind energy generation
20 facilities on the island of Lānaʻi; and

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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the
24 Public Utilities Commission; Mayor of Maui County; Lanai Island
25 Holdings, LLC; Castle & Cooke Hawaiʻi, Inc.; and the Executive
26 Directors of Friends of Lānaʻi, Lanaians for Sensible Growth,
27 Lānaʻi Community Association, Lānaʻi Cultural and Heritage
28 Center, and Kupaʻa nō Lānaʻi.

