
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO END CONSIDERATION OF AN INTERISLAND HIGH-VOLTAGE UNDERSEA ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION CABLE SYSTEM AND INDUSTRIAL WIND FACILITIES ON THE ISLAND OF LĀNA'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, Act 165 explicitly stated that nothing in the Act
9 "is intended to require the construction of an interisland cable
10 from any particular island"; and

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

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

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

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

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

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1 WHEREAS, in May 2013, the Hawaiian Electric Company
 2 publicly stated it no longer needed industrial wind energy from
 3 Lānaʻi to meet the renewable portfolio standards set forth in
 4 section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes; and

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

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

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 17 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
 18 Twenty-seventh Legislature of the State of Hawaiʻi, Regular
 19 Session of 2014, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged
 20 to terminate consideration of an interisland high-voltage
 21 electric transmission cable system and the construction of
 22 industrial-scale wind energy generation facilities on the island
 23 of Lānaʻi; and

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

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