
HOUSE RESOLUTION

URGING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO DENY APPROVAL OF THE
PALEHUA WIND PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, Eurus Energy is proposing a new wind energy
2 project called Palehua Wind on the eastern slope of the Wai'anae
3 range that would effectively surround the community with
4 approximately thirteen new wind turbines; and
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6 WHEREAS, the proposed wind turbines will measure two
7 hundred sixty feet from base to hub, and be located only one
8 mile from Nānākuli High and Intermediate School; and
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10 WHEREAS, wind turbines adversely affect the beauty of the
11 landscape, create noise pollution and shadow flicker, and flash
12 red lights throughout each night; and
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14 WHEREAS, numerous residents of Nānākuli, Wai'anae, Kapolei,
15 and Makakilo have expressed strong opposition to the proposed
16 wind energy project during recent environmental impact statement
17 scoping and community meetings and questioned why early
18 community outreach was not performed; and
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20 WHEREAS, the Nānākuli-Ma'ili Neighborhood Board passed a
21 resolution opposing the Palehua Wind project; and
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23 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency
24 defines "environmental justice" as "the fair treatment and
25 meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color,
26 national origin, or income with respect to the development,
27 implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws,
28 regulations, and policies"; and
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30 WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection
31 Agency's goal of achieving environmental justice throughout the
32 nation is meant to ensure that every person in the United States
33 enjoys the same degree of protection from environmental and



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1 health hazards, and equal access to the decision-making process
2 in order to have a healthy environment in which to live, learn,
3 and work; and
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5 WHEREAS, the residents of Nānākuli, Wai‘anae, Kapolei, and
6 Makakilo believe that the imposition of an unwanted industrial
7 wind energy project in the area is contrary to the United States
8 Environmental Protection Agency's goal of achieving
9 environmental justice, as these residents do not think that they
10 are receiving adequate protection from environmental and health
11 hazards or the same access to the decision-making process as
12 residents of other communities; and
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14 WHEREAS, the Westside region of the island of Oahu is
15 already host to numerous projects, including the Waimanalo Gulch
16 Sanitary Landfill; PVT Integrated Solid Waste Management
17 Facility, a construction and demolition Landfill; Kahe Power
18 Plant; Naval Magazine Lualualei; Lualualei Radio Transmitter;
19 Makua Military Reservation; Ka‘ena Point Satellite Tracking
20 Station; two refineries and four power-generating facilities at
21 Campbell Industrial Park; and a solar farm, the largest on the
22 island, in Wai‘anae valley; now, therefore,
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24 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
25 Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of
26 2019, that the Public Utilities Commission is urged to deny
27 approval of the proposed Palehua Wind project; and
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29 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this
30 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
31 Utilities Commission.
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OFFERED BY:



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