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# HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

REQUESTING THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE  
HAWAIIAN ELECTRIC COMPANY'S RESPONSE TO THE POWER OUTAGE  
RESULTING FROM THE OCTOBER 15, 2006, EARTHQUAKES.

1           WHEREAS, during the early morning on October 15, 2006, two  
2 large earthquakes occurred within minutes of each other off the  
3 coast of the island of Hawai'i; and  
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5           WHEREAS, the earthquakes' effects were felt across the  
6 State, including the island of Oahu; and  
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8           WHEREAS, minutes after the second earthquake ended, an  
9 electrical power outage occurred across the entire island of  
10 Oahu; and  
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12           WHEREAS, the Hawaiian Electric Company's (HECO) response in  
13 restoring power seemed unreasonably slow, and hundreds of  
14 thousands of HECO's customers were left without power for up to  
15 a day following the earthquake; and  
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17           WHEREAS, residents on Oahu and customers of Hawaiian  
18 Electric Company are understandably concerned about the causes  
19 of the power outage, the lengthy duration of the power outage,  
20 and efforts that can be taken to prevent future power outages of  
21 this scope and magnitude; now, therefore,  
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23           BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the  
24 Twenty-fourth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular  
25 Session of 2007, the Senate concurring, that the Public  
26 Utilities Commission is requested to conduct an investigation of  
27 the management, procedures, and practices of the Hawaiian  
28 Electric Company with regard to its response to the October 15,  
29 2006, earthquakes and resulting power outage; and  
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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission  
 2 is requested to include in its investigation an examination of  
 3 the timeliness and appropriateness of HECO's response and  
 4 measures to be taken to improve response in the future; and

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 6 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission  
 7 is requested to report its findings and recommendations to the  
 8 Legislature not later than twenty days before the convening of  
 9 the Regular Session of 2008; and

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 11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
 12 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
 13 Public Utilities Commission, the Director of Finance, and the  
 14 Chief Executive Officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company.

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OFFERED BY:

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 By Request  
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