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# SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU TO INVESTIGATE THE  
ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF THE NA PUA MAKANI WIND PROJECT.

1 WHEREAS, the residents of Kahuku have contributed to the  
2 Hawaii Clean Energy Initiative by hosting First Wind's thirty  
3 megawatt Kahuku Wind project, which comprises twelve wind  
4 turbines; and

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6 WHEREAS, wind turbines adversely affect the beauty of the  
7 landscape, create noise pollution and shadow flicker during the  
8 day, and flash red lights throughout each night; and

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10 WHEREAS, numerous residents of Kahuku have expressed strong  
11 opposition to the Na Pua Makani Wind project during past  
12 environmental impact statement scoping and community meetings;  
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15 WHEREAS, despite community opposition, including  
16 protesting, the Hawaiian Electric Company began connecting the  
17 Na Pua Makani Wind project's wind turbines to the island of  
18 Oahu's electrical grid; and

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20 WHEREAS, in his testimony at a 2020 hearing of the Senate  
21 Committee on Energy, Economic Development, and Tourism, the  
22 Chief Energy Officer said that there would be "[n]o more future  
23 windmills and turbines in Hawaii"; and

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25 WHEREAS, dismantling certain windmills and wind turbines in  
26 the City and County of Honolulu will help to protect the  
27 livelihood and quality of life for Honolulu families; the  
28 natural habitat of Hawaii's endangered species, including the  
29 Hawaiian hoary bat; and the environment; now, therefore,

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31 BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the Thirty-first  
32 Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2021, the



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1 House of Representatives concurring, that the City and County of  
2 Honolulu is urged to investigate the environmental impact of the  
3 Na Pua Makani Wind Project; and  
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5 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission  
6 is urged to require the dismantling of any windmills or wind  
7 turbines, whether installed on land or in the ocean, that, by  
8 December 31, 2021, are not:  
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10 (1) Producing one hundred percent renewable and green  
11 energy;

12 (2) Operating at full capacity; or  
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14 (3) Integrated by the Hawaiian Electric Company into the  
15 island of Oahu's electrical grid; and  
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18 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Electric Company  
19 and all renewable energy companies operating in the City and  
20 County of Honolulu are requested to increase public transparency  
21 in the companies' respective decision-making processes; and  
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23 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this  
24 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the  
25 Public Utilities Commission; Chief Energy Officer; Mayor of the  
26 City and County of Honolulu; and President and Chief Executive  
27 Officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company.  
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OFFERED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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