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SENATE 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,
33 that the City and County of Honolulu is urged to investigate the
34 environmental impact of the Na Pua Makani Wind Project; and



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1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Utilities Commission
2 is urged to require the dismantling of any windmills or wind
3 turbines, whether installed on land or in the ocean, that, by
4 December 31, 2021, are not:

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- 6 (1) Producing one hundred percent renewable and green
7 energy;
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- 9 (2) Operating at full capacity; or
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- 11 (3) Integrated by the Hawaiian Electric Company into the
12 island of Oahu's electrical grid; and
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14 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Hawaiian Electric Company
15 and all renewable energy companies operating in the City and
16 County of Honolulu are requested to increase public transparency
17 in the companies' respective decision-making processes; and
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19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
20 Resolution be transmitted to the Chairperson of the Public
21 Utilities Commission; Chief Energy Officer; Mayor of the City
22 and County of Honolulu; and President and Chief Executive
23 Officer of the Hawaiian Electric Company.
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