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Utility submits renewable energy plans to PUC

Maui island would be 100 percent green by 2040

By MELISSA TANJI, Staff Writer

In 24 years, Maui island could be powered by 100 percent renewables, including solar, wind, hydroelectric and geothermal energy, according to updated plans submitted

by Hawaiian Electric Cos., which include subsidiary Maui Electric Co.

On Friday, MECO, Hawaiian Electric on Oahu and Hawaii Electric Light Co. on the Big Island submitted plans to chart a 30-year course to 100 percent renewable energy in their Power Supply Improvement Plan Updates. The plans were submitted to the state Public Utilities Commission for review.

Last year, Gov. David Ige signed an energy bill that directed the state's utilities to generate 100 percent of their electricity sales from renewable energy resources by 2045.

According to the plans, Maui would reach the 100 percent renewable goal five years early in 2040, as would Hawaii island, Molokai and Lanai would reach the goal even earlier — by 2030. Oahu would hit the 100 percent renew-

able mandate by 2045.

"Our plans show that a 100 percent renewable energy future can be achieved," said Alan Oshima, president and CEO of Hawaiian Electric Co., in a news release. "We want to work with parties from all segments of the community — government, business, community and environmental groups — to refine the plans for Hawaii's energy future."

Overall, the document is "one of

the stronger plans they put together," said Doug McLeod, Maui County's former energy commissioner.

The downside is "we still don't have the public's involvement," said McLeod. "We still don't have community and environmental groups giving input into the process. I think that's going to be the question. Will people look at the report and its

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'Panama Papers' show how the rich hide money

By DAVID McHUGH and FRANK JORDANS

The Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — A leak of 11.5 million documents from a Panama-based law firm offers a glimpse into the shadowy world where the rich and powerful hide their money, raising sharp questions about the use of shell companies that obscure the identities of their true owners.

Leaders of the Group of 20 — representing about 80 percent of the global economy — have vowed to crack down on the practice, which is blamed for helping conceal money laundering, corruption and tax evasion.

By themselves, shell companies aren't illegal. Countries have tightened rules on using them — but not enough to satisfy anti-corruption activists.

News organizations working with the Washington, D.C.-based International Consortium of Investigative Journalists have been processing the legal records from the Mossack Fonseca law firm that were first leaked to the Sueddeutsche Zeitung newspaper based in Munich, Germany.

In reports that began Sunday, ICIJ said that the document dump, dubbed the "Panama Papers," shows the hidden offshore assets of politicians, businesses and celebrities, including 12 current or former heads of state.

Among the countries with past or present political figures named in the reports are Iceland, Ukraine, Pakistan, Saudi Arabia, Russia and Argentina.

The law firm said in a statement that it observed all

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AP photo

Panama City's skyline is seen Monday. Panama's president says that his government will cooperate "vigorously" with any judicial investigation arising from the leak of a vast trove of information on the offshore financial dealings of the world's rich and famous.

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS



Carl Kaupalolo (above, from left), Ted Awana and Timmy Paulokaleioku Bailey — members of the Royal Order of Kamehameha I, Kahekili Maui Chapter IV — remove the bones from two freshly cooked pigs at the Hale Nanea Cultural Center in Kahului on Monday. Kamehameha V established the order in 1865 to honor his grandfather. The Maui Chapter is recognizing the 150th Jubilee with a weeklong celebration of cultural demonstrations, food, crafts and entertainment. Rod Ryugo of Haiku (at right, from right), Maryanne Morioka of Kula and Ginger Kapaku of Wailuku string feathers together to make small kahili, feathered poles that signify Native Hawaiian royalty. Ron Daniels (left) said that early kahili were 8 to 12 feet tall and could include nearly 7,500 feathers.

The Maui News / COLLEEN UECHI photos



Bill providing more funds for KIRC still alive

By MELISSA TANJI, Staff Writer

Two bills that would give the cash-strapped Kaho'olawe Island Reserve Commission a little more money this year are still alive as the state Legislature winds down to its final month.

KIRC Executive Director Michael Naho'opi'i said Monday that a bill appropriating possibly \$600,000 will be discussed in a conference committee. If it clears the conference committee, the funding meas-

ure has a good chance of surviving final votes in both houses and heading to the governor's desk for his signature, Naho'opi'i said.

A version of the bill cleared the powerful Senate Ways and Means Committee on Thursday. The House already has passed its version.

Currently, there is no specific funding amount in the bill, though the bill's report called for \$600,000. Naho'opi'i explained

that normally the state budget is passed and then bills like this one wait to see how much funding is left over.

KIRC needs the funds to continue operating. A \$44 million federal trust fund, set aside about 20 years ago, is down to \$500,000, KIRC officials said recently. Last session, lawmakers approved only a third of the commission's \$6 million request for the biennium for fiscal year

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TODAY'S PEOPLE

The Associated Press

Concert benefits Bernie Worrell

NEW YORK — Bernie Worrell, funk's "Wizard of Woo," is amazed at the lineup of friends and admirers who turned out for his benefit concert: George Clinton and Nona

Hendryx, Jonathan Demme and Bootsy Collins, Paul Shaffer and Living Colour.

Even Meryl Streep and Rick Springfield, with whom Worrell worked on last year's movie "Ricki and the Flash," appeared Monday at Webster Hall for "All the Woo in the World," a "funkraiser" to help pay for Worrell's cancer treatment.

"I think it's an outpouring of love," the 71-year-old Worrell said. "I'm a humble type of person who just tries to make people happy. I didn't know this event would be so big."

Diagnosed a few months ago with stage-four lung cancer, the keyboardist for Clinton's Parliament-Funkadelic empire of the 1970s has never been as famous as some of the performers at the Webster Hall show. But he is revered by fellow musicians and others who know him and his trademark riffs, screeches and squiggles, essential to such hits as "Flashlight," "Give Up the Funk (Tear the Roof off the Sucker)" and "One Nation Under a Groove."

"Bernie was the key," Clinton said. "He knew so many different kinds of music and knew all the mechanics."

"He gives you the theology of funk," David Byrne said of Worrell, who has played on such Talking Heads albums as "Speaking in Tongues," and on "Stop Making Sense," Demme's 1984 concert documentary. "Bernie can take the music to a very cosmic place."

Hendryx, who has known Worrell for decades, organized the event. She hopes the show will raise around \$75,000 and is counting on an online auction (www.sweetrelief.org) to bring in more, with items in-

cluding a signed poster from the Rolling Stones and a guitar autographed by Carlos Santana.

Soprano Tamara Wilson wins award

NEW YORK — Soprano Tamara Wilson has won the award dubbed the Heisman Trophy for singers.

The Richard Tucker Award, along with a \$50,000 cash prize, was announced Monday in New York. It goes to an American opera singer on the cusp of a major international career.

Since it was created in 1975 and named for the late Brooklyn-born tenor, many winners have become stars on world stages, including soprano Renee Fleming and last year's honoree, mezzo-soprano Jamie Barton.

Wilson, 34, said that when she got the call she jumped for joy around her London hotel room "for a solid 10 minutes."

Wilson made her critically acclaimed Metropolitan Opera debut in 2014 singing the title role in Verdi's "Aida."

As this year's winner, picked by a panel of professionals, she'll be featured at Carnegie Hall on Oct. 30.

Wilson, who grew up in Naperville, Ill., is part of a new generation of singers reaching out to an audience whose tastes may not initially include opera.

On the YouTube channel Exit Stage Left, the effervescent singer offers earthy, zany chats about offstage life that could be useful to anybody, from how to pack for long trips to a long list of cold remedies and advice on surviving and thriving in a tough, competitive world.

She promises a "Sexi Soprano Webinar" about "blocking the haters, building up your self-confidence and pushing out the negativity in a world . . . where you're constantly being judged, broken down, told from all different directions what you should be, how you should act, what you should wear, how you should sound."

Wilson has sung in top theaters from Spain, Germany and England to Chile, Brazil and Japan.

Three-Day Weather Forecast for Central Maui

TODAY	TONIGHT	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
81-85	66-70	72-76	75-79
66-70	66-70	66-70	66-70

The Islands

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Aiea	84/67/sh	77/69/c
Ewa Beach	83/68/sh	79/70/c
Hanalei	77/65/sh	75/68/c
Hilo	86/69/c	79/69/sh
Honolulu	83/68/sh	79/69/c
Kailua	85/72/sh	85/71/sh
Kalaoa	82/73/sh	81/73/pc
Kalaupapa	82/68/sh	77/68/c
Kaneohe	84/69/sh	77/70/c
Kapaa	77/67/sh	75/69/pc
Kihei	86/69/pc	78/69/c
Lihue	80/68/sh	77/68/pc
Mililani Town	81/65/sh	74/66/pc
Mokapu	81/71/sh	77/73/c
Nanakuli	83/68/sh	79/69/c
Pearl City	84/66/sh	77/68/c
Wahiawa	79/63/sh	71/64/pc
Waimea	77/62/c	69/62/sh
Waipio	83/68/pc	78/67/sh

UV Index

Highest Today	11	extreme
9 a.m.	6	high
Noon	11	extreme
3 p.m.	5	moderate
5 p.m.	1	low

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Tides

Hana Day	High	Ft.	Low	Ft.
Today	1:50 a.m.	2.3	7:49 a.m.	0.0
	2:11 p.m.	2.0	7:49 p.m.	0.0
Wed.	2:23 a.m.	2.3	8:18 a.m.	-0.1
	2:54 p.m.	2.3	8:35 p.m.	0.0
Thu.	2:55 a.m.	2.2	8:49 a.m.	-0.2
	3:38 p.m.	2.4	9:22 p.m.	0.1

Almanac

Statistics through 3 p.m. Monday

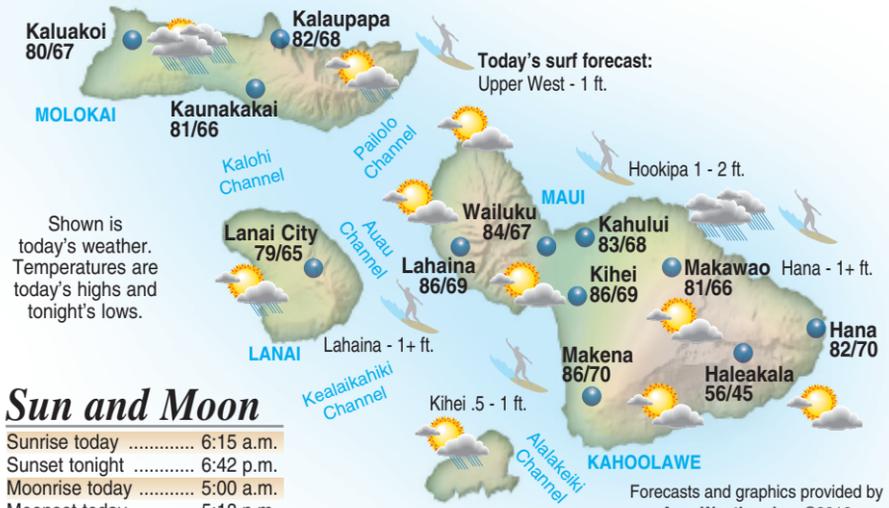
Temperature at Kahului	
High	90°
Low	65°
Normal high	82°
Normal low	66°
Last year high	85°
Last year low	73°
Record high	90° in 2016
Record low	54° in 1985
Average humidity	71%

Precipitation at Kahului	
24 hrs ending 3 p.m. Mon.	0.00"
Record Monday	0.80" in 1977
Month-to-date	trace
Normal month-to-date	0.29"
Year-to-date	3.50"
Normal year-to-date	7.57"
Last year-to-date	15.74"

Precipitation Elsewhere	
Hana	24 hrs ending 8 a.m. Mon. ... 0.00"
Lahaina	24 hrs ending 8 a.m. Mon. ... 0.05"

Maui County Weather

A cold front will approach today. With the flow reversed ahead of the front, showers most of the day will favor the usually dry areas of the islands. When the front arrives late today, the wind will turn to the north and increase. Tonight through tomorrow will be windy and cooler with widespread showers; downpours will be windward and mauka. Winds can gust over 40 mph in some areas tomorrow.



Sun and Moon

Sunrise today	6:15 a.m.
Sunset tonight	6:42 p.m.
Moonrise today	5:00 a.m.
Moonset today	5:18 p.m.

Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

New First Full Last

Apr 7 Apr 13 Apr 21 Apr 29

Marine Forecast

Coastal waters: Wind southwest becoming northwest at 10-20 knots today. Wind waves 4 feet, minimal swells. Spotty showers.

Channels: Wind southwest becoming northwest at 10-20 knots today. Wind waves 4 feet, minimal swells. Spotty showers.

National Cities

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Albuquerque	76/41/s	74/42/pc
Anchorage	46/35/c	48/33/c
Atlanta	68/44/s	68/53/pc
Austin	82/55/s	79/46/pc
Baltimore	48/24/s	57/47/pc
Billings	54/38/sh	69/43/c
Boise	58/38/pc	69/44/s
Boston	35/24/s	40/36/pc
Charleston, SC	67/43/s	70/59/s
Cheyenne	49/31/c	59/38/pc
Chicago	45/40/pc	56/35/sh
Cleveland	37/28/s	58/40/t
Columbus, OH	46/31/s	60/42/t
Dallas	84/58/s	79/49/s
Denver	60/33/pc	65/39/s
Detroit	40/29/pc	55/36/r
El Paso	87/54/pc	80/50/pc
Fairbanks	47/26/s	48/25/s
Fargo	57/34/sn	48/35/c
Houston	81/56/pc	78/49/pc
Indianapolis	50/38/s	57/40/t
Kansas City	73/48/t	60/39/pc
Las Vegas	87/62/s	86/63/pc
Little Rock	76/57/s	74/48/t
Los Angeles	81/62/s	87/62/pc

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Memphis	70/53/s	70/47/t
Miami	83/68/s	79/70/sh
Milwaukee	42/35/r	52/33/sh
Minneapolis	44/39/sn	48/35/sh
New Orleans	79/60/s	76/59/pc
New York City	41/28/s	47/43/pc
Orlando	82/58/s	80/62/pc
Philadelphia	44/28/s	54/47/pc
Phoenix	92/66/s	96/67/pc
Portland, ME	37/19/s	37/33/pc
Portland, OR	62/42/pc	74/50/s
Providence	37/18/s	41/36/pc
Raleigh	54/32/s	64/53/s
St. Louis	59/52/pc	64/43/t
Salt Lake City	54/36/pc	62/40/s
San Diego	73/61/pc	74/62/pc
San Francisco	75/57/s	86/60/s
Seattle	59/43/c	67/48/pc
Spokane	55/37/pc	64/43/s
Springfield, IL	54/47/pc	61/40/sh
Tampa	80/62/s	81/67/pc
Topeka	77/49/t	63/36/pc
Tulsa	84/57/s	74/42/s
Tucson	88/56/pc	93/63/pc
Washington, DC	50/30/s	60/51/pc

Weather (W): s-sunny, pc-partly cloudy, c-cloudy, sh-showers, t-thunderstorms, r-rain, sf-snow flurries, sn-snow, i-ice.

World Cities

City	Today	Wed.
	Hi/Lo/W	Hi/Lo/W
Acapulco	92/71/s	92/70/s
Auckland	69/54/pc	68/53/s
Bangkok	98/83/s	100/82/s
Beijing City	75/52/pc	73/54/pc
Berlin	72/50/pc	59/47/pc
Bermuda	72/61/sh	65/61/c
Buenos Aires	73/60/t	73/58/sh
Calgary	58/41/c	63/37/pc
Hong Kong	80/68/c	81/71/pc
Johannesburg	78/56/pc	62/47/t
London	58/43/pc	54/40/sh
Melbourne	83/57/pc	62/50/r
Mexico City	83/50/s	82/54/s
Montreal	30/16/pc	38/30/pc
Osaka	66/47/pc	71/54/pc
Paris	58/42/pc	57/40/sh
Sao Goncalo	87/73/s	88/73/pc
Rome	73/51/pc	77/54/pc
Seoul	62/37/s	72/51/pc
Shanghai	64/57/c	71/58/sh
Singapore	92/79/c	93/80/c
Sydney	82/69/s	89/66/s
Tokyo	57/46/c	67/56/s
Toronto	32/21/s	38/33/r
Vancouver	55/44/r	59/44/pc

MONDAY'S MARKETS: DOW — ▼ 55.75 to 17,737 • NASDAQ — ▼ 22.75 to 4,891.80 • S&P 500 — ▼ 6.65 to 2,066.13

KIRC

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2016 and 2017. KIRC is scheduled to receive \$1 million from the state for fiscal 2017, which begins July 1, after receiving \$1 million in the current fiscal year.

KIRC's budget normally runs about \$2.5 million per year, Naho'opi'i said. The group has done online fundraising and sought more

grant money to try to make up the shortfall.

Another bill that would provide \$500,000 to establish a three-year pilot project involving photovoltaic-powered desalination equipment on Kahoolawe and having KIRC study the benefits of the technology, is awaiting a hearing by the Senate Ways and Means Committee. Naho'opi'i said that a hearing has to be conducted by Friday in order for

the bill to stay alive.

KIRC, which is managing and helping to restore the former military target island, handles access to the island and has been lobbying committee Chairwoman Jill Tokuda for a hearing. Naho'opi'i argued that the program has added benefits beyond Kahoolawe; the project could be a model to bring water to the typically dry leeward coasts of all islands.

Another measure, HB 2200,

which could have given KIRC additional funding through another funding mechanism is dead. It would have authorized the state Board of Land and Natural Resources chairperson to transfer public land trust funds or ceded land revenues to the Kaho'olawe Rehabilitation Trust Fund.

It also authorized the Office of Hawaiian Affairs to expend a portion of its public land trust revenues "for purposes consis-

tent with" those of the Kahoolawe trust fund.

The measure faced strong opposition from the state Department of Land and Natural Resources and OHA.

Because of the dwindling funds and restrictions on revenue generation, three employees were laid off, three full-time staffers became part-timers and the rest of the staff took a 5 percent pay cut last year, Naho'opi'i said.

The number of trips to the island has dropped. At its peak, 1,000 people visited the island in a year but, this fiscal year, KIRC will be "lucky" if the total is in the low 300s, Naho'opi'i said.

If the \$600,000 is appropriated, Naho'opi'i said those

funds would go to needed repairs to the organization's boat that is used to travel to and from the island. The group has cut back on maintenance to save money.

"We are hoping to have a little buffer there, to get a lot of the repairs done," Naho'opi'i said.

Naho'opi'i said that perhaps things could get easier in upcoming legislative sessions, noting that the current fiscal year is the first time state general fund money has flowed into KIRC.

"I think it's a learning process for us," said Naho'opi'i.

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UH has safety experts review lab explosion

HONOLULU (AP) — The University of Hawaii has asked independent safety experts to investigate what caused a laboratory explosion last month that seriously injured a visiting researcher.

The school said Monday that the University of California Center for Laboratory Safety will look into the March 16 blast. A team from the center was on the UH's Manoa campus last week. The investiga-

tion is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

The university said that the explosion occurred when a researcher was growing cells by feeding them a mixture of low-pressure hydrogen, carbon dioxide and oxygen.

The school said that the same process has been used almost daily and without incident since 2008 at a lab that's part of the Hawaii Natural Energy Institute.