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Hawaiian Electric to host 6 Resilient and Renewable Energy community workshops on O‘ahu starting Oct. 24

Input sought to identify areas for microgrids, utility-scale renewables

HONOLULU, Oct. 18, 2022 – Hawaiian Electric will host six hybrid community workshops across O‘ahu starting Oct. 24 to seek input on where microgrids can support energy resilience and what areas may be suitable for potential grid-scale renewable generation.

The recent destruction caused by hurricanes Ian and Fiona underscores the need to strengthen the resilience of local communities as climate change fuels more severe weather events.

The public is invited to help Hawaiian Electric identify areas on O‘ahu that may benefit from developing microgrids, which can improve energy resilience in areas prone to prolonged outages during bad weather. Microgrids are connected to the grid but can operate independently during an outage to continue providing electricity through a variety of resources including solar panels, a battery and/or backup generator.

Hawaiian Electric will also seek input on areas suitable for renewable energy projects, and document feedback on the potential for renewable generation on O‘ahu.

The events will start with an open house from 6:30 to 7 p.m. (in-person only) followed by a hybrid community workshop (in-person and virtual) from 7 to 8:30 p.m. See dates and locations below:

- **Ko‘olauloa Moku** (Waimea – Ka‘a‘awa)
Monday, Oct. 24, at Kahuku Elementary School
- **Wai‘anae Moku** (Nānākuli – Keawa‘ula)
Wednesday, Oct. 26, at Agnes Kalaniho‘okahā Community Learning Center
- **Kona Moku** (Moanalua – East Honolulu)
Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Kapi‘olani Community College
- **Waialua Moku** (Ka‘ena – Kapaeloa)
Thursday, Nov. 3, at Waialua Elementary School
- **Ko‘olaupoko Moku** (Waimānalo – Kualoa)
Tuesday, Nov. 15, at Windward Community College
- **‘Ewa Moku** (Honouliuli – Hālawā)
Thursday, Nov. 17, at Leeward Community College

To join the workshops via Zoom, go to hawaiianelectric.com/communitymeetings for a meeting link. The workshops also will be [livestreamed and recorded on respective ‘Ōlelo community media channels listed here](#).

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Hawaiian Electric is working with the Hawai'i Natural Energy Institute, the U.S. Department of Energy and national labs to develop a microgrid map that would identify opportunities for rapid development of microgrids. The workshops will collect community insight on facilities and services that should be prioritized for the deployment of microgrids that could provide power to critical areas in the event of a major outage caused by a storm or other event.

Community input is also sought on an analysis for renewable energy zones for planning future energy projects and infrastructure. More information on this planning concept can be found at hawaiipowered.com.

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