



EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
HONOLULU

LINDA LINGLE  
GOVERNOR

GOV. MSG. NO. **770**

June 26, 2006

The Honorable Robert Bunda, President  
and Members of the Senate  
Twenty-Third State Legislature  
State Capitol, Room 003  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Mr. President and Members of the Senate:

This is to inform you that on June 26, 2006, the following bill was signed into law:

SB2957 SD2 HD2 CD1

A BILL FOR AN ACT RELATING TO ENERGY.  
(ACT 240)

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Linda Lingle".

LINDA LINGLE

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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1 PART I

2 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's dependence  
3 on petroleum for about ninety per cent of its energy needs is  
4 more than any other state in the nation. This makes the State  
5 extremely vulnerable to any oil embargo, supply disruption,  
6 international market dysfunction, and many other factors beyond  
7 the control of the State. Furthermore, the continued  
8 consumption of conventional petroleum fuel negatively impacts  
9 the environment. At the same time, Hawaii has among the most  
10 abundant renewable energy resources in the world, in the form of  
11 solar, geothermal, wind, biomass, and ocean energy assets.

12 The legislature also finds that increased energy efficiency  
13 and use of renewable energy resources would increase Hawaii's  
14 energy self-sufficiency, achieving broad societal benefits,  
15 including increased energy security, resistance to increases in  
16 oil prices, environmental sustainability, economic development,  
17 and job creation.




1 SECTION 14. This Act does not affect rights and duties  
2 that matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that  
3 were begun, before its effective date.

4 SECTION 15. In codifying the new sections added by this  
5 Act, the revisor of statutes shall substitute appropriate  
6 section numbers for the letters used in designating the new  
7 sections in this Act.

8 SECTION 16. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed  
9 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

10 SECTION 17. This Act shall take effect upon its approval;  
11 provided that section 2 of this Act shall apply to taxable years  
12 beginning after December 31, 2005; provided further that the  
13 increased tax credits established in section 2 of this Act shall  
14 be available only to eligible renewable energy technology  
15 systems installed after July 1, 2006; and provided further that  
16 sections 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



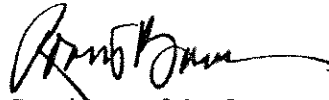
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF HAWAII

Approved this day: JUN 26 2006

**THE SENATE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the Senate of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



President of the Senate

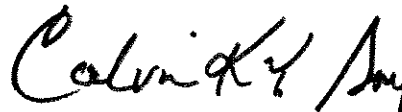


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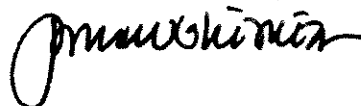
**THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
OF THE STATE OF HAWAII**

Date: May 2, 2006  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

We hereby certify that the foregoing Bill this day passed Final Reading in the House of Representatives of the Twenty-third Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular Session of 2006.



Speaker, House of Representatives



Clerk, House of Representatives