
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. In May 2002, the University of Hawaii gathered
2 major energy and policy stakeholders in Hawaii to convene as the
3 Hawaii energy policy forum. The purpose of the policy forum was
4 to develop an energy vision for Hawaii through the year 2030 and
5 to formulate strategies consistent with implementing that
6 vision. Accordingly, facilitated discussions were conducted on
7 Hawaii's preferred energy future and the issues and constraints
8 that would be encountered in achieving that preferred future.
9 Incorporating a science- and fact-based approach, policy studies
10 were conducted to provide baseline information and review of
11 various environmental, regulatory, economic, social, and
12 cultural issues relating to Hawaii's energy future.

13 In December 2003, the policy forum convened a policy summit
14 to provide a community-based forum for review of its work and
15 recommendations. The final report of the policy forum, "Hawaii
16 at the Crossroads: A Long Term Energy Strategy," sets forth
17 recommended guiding principles and policy options to meet
18 Hawaii's long term energy needs.



1 The purpose of this Act is to:

2 (1) Appropriate funds to reconvene the policy forum for
3 the purpose of implementing the vision, concepts, and
4 recommendations of the policy forum's final report,
5 and the resulting "Ten Point Plan" to meet Hawaii's
6 energy goals. This will provide a unique opportunity
7 for stakeholders to continue their work from planning
8 to implementation and for further engagement of
9 policy- and decision-makers and consumers on issues
10 relevant to creating Hawaii's preferred energy future;
11 and

12 (2) Assess the feasibility of the State becoming a
13 participant in the Chicago Climate Exchange.

14 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
15 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$200,000 or so much
16 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007 to
17 reconvene the Hawaii energy policy forum for the purpose of:

18 (1) Developing a detailed action plan and timeline to
19 implement the recommendations of the Hawaii energy
20 policy forum's "Ten Point Plan" to meet Hawaii's
21 energy goals;

- 1 (2) Developing tangible goals, objectives, desired
2 outcomes, and actions to implement the energy vision
3 and strategy of the Hawaii energy policy forum;
- 4 (3) Developing benchmarks for measuring outcomes of energy
5 implementation strategies;
- 6 (4) Further engaging Hawaii's business, government, labor,
7 and community leaders and integrating them into the
8 policy activities and discussions of the Hawaii energy
9 policy forum;
- 10 (5) Assessing the feasibility of the State becoming a
11 participant in the Chicago Climate Exchange,
12 specifically examining the advantages and risks in
13 terms of advancing Hawaii's development and use of
14 renewable energy;
- 15 (6) Developing greater community and public awareness
16 about Hawaii's energy needs and the goals and
17 activities of the Hawaii energy policy forum; and
- 18 (7) Seeking additional funding for statewide
19 implementation of, and public education regarding, the
20 recommendations and goals of the Hawaii energy policy
21 forum.



1 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
2 business, economic development, and tourism for the Hawaii
3 energy policy forum administered by the social sciences public
4 policy center, University of Hawaii at Manoa, to implement the
5 purposes of this Act.

6 SECTION 3. The Hawaii energy policy forum shall submit a
7 report on the detailed action plan and timeline to the
8 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
9 the regular session of 2007.

10 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2006.



Report Title:

Energy; Hawaii Energy Policy Forum

Description:

Appropriates funds to reconvene the Hawaii Energy Policy Forum to develop an action plan, timeline, and benchmarks, and to further engage Hawaii's leaders and stakeholders in implementing the Forum's visions, concepts, and recommendations for Hawaii's preferred energy future, and assess the feasibility of the State participating in the Chicago Climate Exchange. Report to Legislature. (HB2848 CD1)

