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S.B. NO. 3151

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF KAHO`OLAWA.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii 1993, mandated
2 that the island of Kaho`olawe be reserved in perpetuity for uses
3 such as: the preservation and practice of rights customarily
4 and traditionally exercised by native Hawaiians for cultural,
5 spiritual, and subsistence purposes; the preservation and
6 protection of the island's archaeological, historical, and
7 environmental resources; and education. Accordingly, the
8 Kaho`olawe island reserve commission plans to establish kahua
9 kauhale or culture and education centers, operations facilities,
10 overnight campsites, restoration areas, and cultural and
11 wildlife preserves on the island.

12 Because Kaho`olawe is geographically and logistically
13 isolated from the other Hawaiian islands, concerns have emerged
14 regarding appropriate power sources and adequate fuel supplies
15 to successfully maintain planned facilities and operations.

16 In keeping with the Kaho`olawe island reserve commission's
17 mandate and vision to restore, preserve, and maintain a pristine
18 natural environment on the island, the use of alternative energy



1 resources for the island's power needs is advisable. Kaho`olawe
2 can serve as a model project for sustainability and alternative
3 energy research and application. In this regard, the state
4 planning act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies
5 increased energy self-sufficiency as one of the State's energy
6 objectives.

7 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds to:

8 (1) Design, plan, and install renewable energy systems for
9 a model kahua kauhale that will:

10 (A) Support large group or longer-term visits to the
11 island to introduce visitors to the island and
12 for apprenticeship, project specific uses, and
13 restorative activities;

14 (B) Serve as a model to determine energy and
15 logistical requirements of future kahua kauhale;
16 and

17 (2) Enable ongoing evaluation of alternative energy
18 applications to support the future vision and
19 activities for the island of Kaho`olawe.

20 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
21 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$1,000,000, or so



Report Title:

Kaho`olawe; Renewable Resources

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Description:

Appropriates funds to install renewable energy systems for a model kahua kauhale or encampment on Kaho`olawe and to enable ongoing evaluation of renewable resources for the island.

