
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE ISLAND OF KAHO`OLAWE.

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

1 SECTION 1. Act 340, Session Laws of Hawaii, 1993, mandates
2 that the island of Kaho`olawe be reserved in perpetuity for uses
3 such as the preservation and practice of rights customarily and
4 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. The Kaho`olawe island
8 reserve commission plans to establish kahua kauhale or culture
9 and education centers, operations facilities, overnight
10 campsites, restoration areas, and cultural and wildlife
11 preserves on the island.

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

17 The use of alternative energy resources for the island's
18 power needs is advisable and in keeping with the Kaho`olawe



1 island reserve commission's mandate and vision to restore,
2 preserve, and maintain a pristine natural environment on the
3 island. Kaho`olawe can serve as a model project for
4 sustainability and alternative energy research and application.
5 The state planning act, chapter 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes,
6 identifies increased energy self-sufficiency as one of the
7 State's energy objectives.

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

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

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

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

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

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



1 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2006-2007, for
2 the following purposes:

3 (1) \$800,000 for the design, purchase, and installation of
4 renewable energy systems and the costs of transporting
5 related equipment for a kahua kauhale (educational and
6 cultural center and work camp) that will be used as a
7 model encampment on the island of Kaho`olawe; and

8 (2) The ongoing evaluation of long-term alternative energy
9 applications to support the future vision and
10 historical, cultural, archeological, and restorative
11 activities for the island of Kaho`olawe, including an
12 evaluation of the feasibility of using renewable
13 resource options for pumping of fresh water,
14 desalinization, ice production, and fuel for vehicles.

15 SECTION 3. The sum appropriated shall be expended by the
16 Kaho`olawe island reserve commission for the purposes of this
17 Act.

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

Report Title:

Kaho`olawe; Renewable Resources

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. (SD1)

