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S.B. NO. 3163

A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The State's energy objectives for its
2 facilities, as set forth in chapter 226, Hawaii Revised
3 Statutes, include increased energy self-sufficiency and the
4 reduction or avoidance of greenhouse gas emissions from energy
5 supply and use. The use of renewable energy technologies in
6 state-owned facilities supports these objectives and would help
7 the State to attain greater energy independence, while fighting
8 global warming.

9 The financing of implementing renewable energy programs in
10 state facilities could be accomplished by the sale of revenue
11 bonds. Funds that would otherwise be spent by the State to buy
12 electricity would be used to pay down the bonds. The use of
13 bond revenues to finance the acquisition and installation of
14 renewable energy systems in government facilities is currently
15 being undertaken by the city of San Francisco.

16 The purpose of this measure is to establish a requirement
17 that renewable energy systems be installed in state facilities



1 and to authorize the financing thereof through the issuance of
2 revenue bonds.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 27, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is amended
4 by adding a new section to be appropriately designated and to
5 read as follows:

6 "§27- Renewable energy systems in state facilities;
7 revenue bonds. (a) The department of accounting and general
8 services shall identify, evaluate, prioritize, and implement
9 projects for the acquisition, construction, rehabilitation,
10 installation, or improvement of solar and other renewable and
11 distributed energy facilities and equipment and energy
12 efficiency measures in state facilities.

13 (b) The department of accounting and general services,
14 with the approval of the governor, may issue from time to time
15 revenue bonds in amounts not exceeding the total amount of bonds
16 authorized to be issued by the legislature, and in no event
17 exceeding the aggregate amount of \$ _____, as may be
18 necessary to carry out the purposes of subsection (a). All
19 revenue bonds shall be issued pursuant to part III of
20 chapter 39.

21 (c) The revenue bonds shall be payable solely from and
22 secured solely by the revenues derived from the renewable energy



1 systems for which the revenue bonds are issued. The department
 2 may pledge revenues derived from the renewable energy systems
 3 financed by the proceeds of the revenue bond sales to the
 4 punctual payment of the principal, interest, and redemption
 5 premiums, if any, on the revenue bonds.

6 (d) The department shall establish a special fund, into
 7 which all revenues, income, and receipts derived from the
 8 renewable energy systems for which the revenue bonds are issued
 9 shall be paid."

10 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

11 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Renewable Energy in State Facilities; Revenue Bonds

Description:

Requires the installation of renewable energy systems in state facilities and authorizes the issuance of revenue bonds for the financing thereof.

