
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 culture
9 and education centers, operations facilities, overnight
10 campsites, restoration areas, and cultural and wildlife
11 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 should be considered.
2 The State is in the unique position of establishing Kaho'olawe
3 as a model project for sustainability and alternative energy
4 research and application that can be utilized to plan for the
5 future power needs of not only Kaho'olawe, but the entire State
6 as well. In this regard, the Hawaii State Planning Act, chapter
7 226, Hawaii Revised Statutes, identifies increased energy self-
8 sufficiency as one of the State's energy objectives.

9 The purpose of this Act is to direct the auditor to
10 determine the feasibility of deploying alternative energy
11 resources to meet the island's energy needs and submit a report
12 of findings and recommendations to the legislature and governor
13 before the convening of the regular session of 2009.

14 SECTION 2. The auditor shall conduct an audit to determine
15 the feasibility of deploying alternative energy resources on the
16 island of Kaho'olawe. The audit shall identify feasible
17 alternative energy resources and shall include a cost analysis,
18 assessment, and an implementation strategy for the utilization
19 of alternative energy resources to address the current and
20 future energy needs of the island.

21 SECTION 3. The auditor shall submit findings and
22 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the



1 legislature and the governor no later than twenty days prior to
2 the convening of the regular session of 2009.

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

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Report Title:
Kaho'olawe; Alternative Energy Resource Audit

Description:

Directs the Auditor to conduct an audit to determine the feasibility of deploying alternative energy resources to meet the energy needs of the island of Kaho'olawe and submit a report of findings and recommendations to the Legislature and Governor before the 2009 Regular Session.

