
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that advancing the
2 development of renewable energy technologies is important for
3 the State's future, its energy stability and independence, and
4 the protection of its citizens' public health and environment.
5 The legislature finds that the development of renewable energy
6 technologies in this state will help to reduce demand for
7 foreign fuels, promote energy diversity, enhance system
8 reliability, reduce pollution, and promote economic growth. The
9 legislature finds that there is a need to assist in the
10 development of market demand that will advance the
11 commercialization and widespread application of renewable energy
12 technologies. The legislature further finds that the state is
13 ideally positioned to stimulate economic development through
14 such renewable energy technologies due to its ongoing and
15 successful research and development track record in these areas,
16 an abundance of natural and renewable energy sources, an ability
17 to attract significant federal research and development funds,
18 and the need to find and secure renewable energy technologies



1 for the benefit of its citizens, visitors, and environment. A
2 grant program that is targeted specifically for renewable energy
3 technologies can advance renewable energy technologies and the
4 industry in the state and encourage the use of other incentives
5 such as tax exemptions and regulatory certainty to attract
6 additional renewable energy technology producers, developers,
7 and users to the state.

8 The purpose of this Act is to establish a renewable energy
9 technologies grant program to provide matching grants to
10 stimulate capital investment in the state and to enhance the
11 market for and promote the statewide use of renewable energy
12 technology.

13 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
14 amended by adding a new section to part I to be appropriately
15 designated and to read as follows:

16 "§196- Hawaii renewable energy technologies grant
17 program. (a) There is established, within the department of
18 business, economic development, and tourism, a Hawaii renewable
19 energy technologies grant program to provide renewable energy
20 matching grants for demonstration, commercialization, research,
21 and development projects relating to renewable energy
22 technologies.



1 (b) The program shall make matching grants for renewable
2 energy technology demonstration, commercialization, research,
3 and development projects to:

4 (1) Municipalities and county governments;

5 (2) Established for-profit companies licensed to do
6 business in the state;

7 (3) Universities and colleges in the state;

8 (4) Utilities located and operating within the state;

9 (5) Not-for-profit organizations; and

10 (6) Other qualified persons, as determined by the
11 coordinator.

12 (c) The coordinator shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter
13 91; provided that the rules shall be submitted to the
14 legislature for review and subject to the approval of the
15 governor, to provide for application requirements, ranking of
16 applications, and administer the awarding of grants under this
17 program.

18 (d) As used in this section:

19 "Person" means an individual, partnership, joint venture,
20 private or public corporation, association, firm, public service
21 company, or any other public or private entity.



1 "Renewable energy" means electrical, mechanical, or thermal
2 energy produced from a method that uses one or more of the
3 following fuels or energy sources: hydrogen, biomass, solar
4 energy, geothermal energy, wind energy, ocean energy, waste
5 heat, or hydroelectric power.

6 "Renewable energy technology" means any technology that
7 generates or uses a renewable energy resource."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Renewable Energy Technology; Grant program

Description:

Establishes a renewable energy technology grant program to provide renewable energy matching grants for demonstration, commercialization, research, and development projects relating to renewable energy technologies.

