
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the Hawaii
2 sustainability task force constitutes a combined effort of all
3 state departments and agencies in the development and
4 maintenance of sustainable communities that will generate their
5 own energy onsite by using alternative energy sources to fulfill
6 a large percentage of their energy requirements and become less
7 reliant on imported fossil fuels. The legislature further finds
8 that the Hawaiian Electric Company has already successfully
9 implemented a Sun Power for Schools Program for twenty-six
10 public schools on Oahu. Under the program, a partnership
11 between the utility, the department of education, and the
12 community, the utility installs, operates, and maintains solar
13 electric systems using photovoltaic technology and helps the
14 department of education develop teaching materials on renewable
15 energy of all kinds.

16 The legislature finds that the utilization of alternative
17 energy utilities on public school campuses will eventually pay



1 for itself and result in savings for the State, as well as
2 promote independence from out-of-state sources for imported oil.
3 The legislature believes that the provision of funding to
4 schools that endeavor to use renewable energy utilities will be
5 beneficial for the schools, the department of education, and the
6 State as a whole, as well as serve as a learning tool for
7 students in business, science, and math classes.

8 The purpose of this Act is to appropriate funds for grants
9 for public schools that use alternative energy utilities on
10 their campuses.

11 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the public
12 utilities commission special fund of the State of Hawaii the sum
13 of \$ or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal
14 year 2008-2009 for the provision of grants to individual public
15 schools that use alternative energy utilities on their campuses.

16 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the public
17 utilities commission for the purposes of this Act; provided that
18 the development of criteria for and the awarding of grants under
19 this Act shall be made in consultation with the department of
20 education.

21 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2008.



Report Title:

PUC; Public Schools; Alternative Energy Utilities; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds for grants for public schools that use alternative energy utilities on their campuses. (SD1)

