
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO HISTORIC BUILDINGS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that many historic
2 buildings are not able to withstand the installation of
3 alternative or renewable energy systems using solar or wind
4 devices due to structural or aesthetic reasons. At the same
5 time, many of these buildings have high energy demands and
6 rapidly rising operational cost because they need air
7 conditioning for preservation of artifacts and other historical
8 materials.

9 The purpose of this Act is to create a task force to study
10 and recommend legislation necessary to:

11 (1) Permit the installation of alternative or renewable
12 energy devices on the grounds of state historic
13 buildings or on properties adjacent to state historic
14 buildings; and

15 (2) Enable the properties adjacent to state historic
16 buildings to provide energy to the historic buildings
17 at rates or portions of rates that could qualify as a



1 contribution to a charitable organization for tax
2 purposes.

3 SECTION 2. There is created the historic buildings
4 alternative energy task force which shall be attached to the
5 department of commerce and consumer affairs for administrative
6 purposes and which shall be comprised of eleven members to be
7 appointed by the governor without regard to section 26-34,
8 Hawaii Revised Statutes. Task force membership shall include
9 representatives from the following:

- 10 (1) Historic Hawaii Foundation;
- 11 (2) American Institute of Architects;
- 12 (3) University of Hawaii Sea Grant;
- 13 (4) University of Hawaii College of Engineering;
- 14 (5) Hawaiian Electric Company;
- 15 (6) Alternative and renewable energy providers;
- 16 (7) Blue Planet Foundation;
- 17 (8) The public utilities commission; and
- 18 (9) The department of business, economic development, and
19 tourism.

20 The department of commerce and consumer affairs shall
21 provide all necessary administrative, professional, technical,
22 and clerical support to the task force.



1 SECTION 3. The task force shall:

2 (1) Determine what is necessary to remove any obstacles,
3 challenges, or barriers to the installation of
4 alternative or renewable energy systems using solar or
5 wind devices on:

6 (A) The structures or grounds of state historic
7 buildings necessary for them to become energy
8 efficient; or

9 (B) Properties adjacent to state historic buildings
10 to generate power for the state historic
11 buildings; and

12 (2) To recommend changes to the state tax code to permit
13 state historic buildings to be classified as tax-
14 exempt entities so that properties with alternative or
15 renewable energy devices may sell excess energy to
16 adjacent historic buildings at a less-than-market rate
17 and claim the difference between the sale price and
18 existing market rates as a tax deductible charitable
19 contribution by the seller.

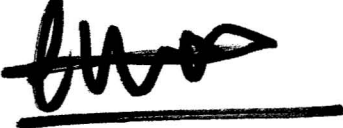
20 SECTION 4. The task force shall submit a report of its
21 initial findings and recommendations, including any proposed
22 legislation, no later than twenty days prior to the convening of



1 the regular session of 2010. The task force shall submit a
2 final report, including any proposed legislation, no later than
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
4 2011.

5 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Energy Systems; Historic Buildings

Description:

Establishes a task force to identify obstacles to the use of alternative or renewable energy systems on state historic buildings or purchase by state historic buildings of power generated from alternative or renewable energy systems located on adjacent properties and ways to permit sellers to claim a tax deduction. Requires report to the legislature in 2010 and 2011.

