
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii is dependent
2 on imported fuel for the generation of the vast majority of
3 electricity in the State. In addition to making Hawaii's energy
4 supply vulnerable to external market forces, using fossil fuels
5 to generate power creates pollution that damages Hawaii's
6 natural environment and contributes to global warming and
7 climate change. It is in Hawaii's best interest to conserve
8 energy wherever possible, and the use of energy efficient
9 appliances is one method that would produce savings in every
10 household and business.

11 The legislature finds that California has become a pioneer
12 in this area of conservation by adopting strict appliance
13 efficiency regulations. Over the past decade, the energy
14 savings resulting from California's regulations are believed to
15 have saved that state from having to build twenty new power
16 plants. Moreover, these efficiency standards are a significant

1 reason why California is in the bottom fifth of all states for
2 per capita electricity use.

3 The legislature finds that Hawaii would benefit from the
4 development of efficiency standards for appliances sold in the
5 State. Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to direct the
6 department of business, economic development, and tourism to
7 adopt rules relating to energy efficiency standards for
8 appliances sold in this State.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
10 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated
11 and to read as follows:

12 "§196- Appliance energy efficiency; rules. (a)
13 Beginning January 1, 2015, no new appliance that does not meet
14 the standards for energy efficiency as established by rules
15 adopted by the public benefits fund administrator pursuant to
16 sections 269-121 to 124 shall be sold or offered for sale in the
17 State.

18 (b) No later than January 1, 2013, the director of
19 business, economic development, and tourism shall adopt rules
20 pursuant to chapter 91 for energy efficiency standards for
21 appliances sold in the State. Rules adopted pursuant to this
22 subsection shall be consistent with the appliance efficiency

1 rules enacted by the public benefits funds administrator of the
2 public utilities commission pursuant to sections 269-121 to
3 124."

4 SECTION 3. The department of business, economic
5 development and tourism shall investigate the advantages and
6 disadvantages of joining the Multi-State Compliance Standard
7 Collaborative, the Appliance Standard Awareness Project, or
8 both, for the purposes of gathering information and receiving
9 assistance with implementing the requirements of this measure.
10 The department of business, economic development, and tourism
11 shall report the results of its investigation and its
12 recommendations for action to the legislature no later than
13 twenty days prior to the convening of the 2011 regular session.

14 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

15 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect July 1, 2020.

Report Title:

Energy Efficiency; Appliances

Description:

Directs the DBEDT to investigate membership in the Multi-State Compliance Standard Collaborative and the Appliance Standard Awareness Project and report to the legislature. Directs DBEDT to make rules to enforce appliance efficiency standards. Prohibits the sale of appliances in the State after January 1, 2015, that do not meet efficiency standards. (SD2)