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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY EFFICIENCY.

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

1           SECTION 1. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by adding a new section to part VII to be appropriately  
3 designated and to read as follows:

4           "§196-       Consumer information; energy efficient  
5 properties. (a) The public utilities commission shall  
6 establish a consumer information program, to be administered by  
7 the public benefits fee administrator, which shall:

8           (1) Provide for the reporting of energy efficiency  
9           information on a subject property to consumers at the  
10           time of sale or lease of that property after a certain  
11           date;

12           (2) Develop and provide information to banks, financial  
13           institutions, mortgage lenders, and mortgage brokers  
14           on the economics of energy efficient properties,  
15           including savings over the life cycle of a property;  
16           and

17           (3) Establish a database of information on energy  
18           efficiency that is available to realtors online.



1        (b) A report provided to a consumer pursuant to subsection  
 2        (a) (1) shall also be provided to the new occupant of the  
 3        property and the lender on the property prior to the lease or  
 4        sale of the property.

5        (c) The public utilities commission shall adopt rules,  
 6        pursuant to chapter 91, necessary for the purposes of this  
 7        section."

8        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Energy Efficiency; Consumer Information

**Description:**

Directs the public utilities commission to establish a consumer information program on energy efficient properties.

