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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO COMPREHENSIVE STATEWIDE RECYCLING AND ENERGY RENEWAL  
POLICY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there is a real need  
2 for comprehensive strategic planning in the effort towards  
3 achieving full use of Hawaii's energy resources and the most  
4 effective allocation of energy resources throughout the State.  
5 Planning is necessary and desirable in order that the State may  
6 recognize and declare the major problems and opportunities in  
7 the field of energy resources. Both short-range and long-range  
8 planning will permit the articulation of:

- 9           (A) Broad policies, goals, and objectives;  
10           (B) Criteria for measuring and evaluating  
11           accomplishments of objectives;  
12           (C) Identification and implementation of programs  
13           that will carry out such objectives; and  
14           (D) A determination of requirements necessary for the  
15           optimum development of Hawaii's energy resources.

16           The legislature further finds that recycling saves natural  
17 resources. Our finite reserves of natural resources are being



1 depleted rapidly, particularly with the increasing use of  
2 disposable products and packaging. Reprocessing used materials  
3 to make new products and packaging reduces the consumption of  
4 natural resources.

5 The legislature further finds that recycling saves energy.  
6 Energy savings are a very important environmental benefit of  
7 recycling, because using energy requires the consumption of  
8 scarce fossil fuels and involves emissions of numerous air and  
9 water pollutants.

10 The legislature further finds that recycling saves the  
11 environment. By reducing the amount of energy used by industry,  
12 recycling also reduces greenhouse gas emissions and helps  
13 prevent global climate change. This is because much of the  
14 energy used in industrial processes and in transportation  
15 involves burning fossil fuels like gasoline, diesel and coal,  
16 the most important sources of carbon and other greenhouse gas  
17 emissions into the environment.

18 The purpose of this Act is to establish a comprehensive  
19 statewide recycling and renewable energy public policy and  
20 implementation plan.

21 SECTION 2. Section 342G-12.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
22 amended to read as follows:



1           "§342G-12.5 Recycling and renewable energy coordinator.

2 There is established a position of assistant to the coordinator  
3 of the office of solid waste management to be known as the  
4 recycling and renewable energy coordinator. The position may be  
5 appointed by the director in accordance with chapter 76. The  
6 recycling and renewable energy coordinator shall:

7           (1) Coordinate the recycling functions of the State and  
8           counties; and

9           (2) Develop a comprehensive recycling and renewable energy  
10           public policy and plan of implementation for  
11           integrating the functions of statewide recycling and  
12           renewable energy activities."

13 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Environment; Recycling and Renewable Energy

**Description:**

Clarifies duties of recycling coordinator to include renewable energy planning and coordination.

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