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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE ENERGY.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that there are numerous  
2 renewable energy resources in the State that have the potential  
3 to contribute to the local production of energy that may be  
4 utilized by a gas utility to produce natural gas, biogas,  
5 biofuels, or biofeedstocks. The legislature also finds that the  
6 State's gas utility is considering a pilot program to determine  
7 whether it is technically and economically feasible to process  
8 these types of renewable resources, such as plant oil, animal  
9 fat, and landfill gas, into a feedstock for gas manufacturing  
10 with by-products consisting of a biogas to offset the use and  
11 consumption of petroleum-based fuel and biofuels or  
12 biofeedstocks for use by third parties.

13           As it is in the best interest of the State to consider all  
14 local renewable resources which may contribute toward the  
15 reduction of the State's dependency on imported petroleum, the  
16 purpose of this Act is to establish an annual reporting  
17 requirement for a gas utility to measure and evaluate its



1 progress in integrating renewable resources as a part of its  
2 production of synthetic natural gas.

3 SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
5 and to read as follows:

6 "§269- Gas utility companies; renewable energy;  
7 reporting requirements. (a) Each gas utility company shall  
8 submit an annual report to the public utilities commission on or  
9 before March 31 of each year that shall include but not be  
10 limited to the following information:

11 (1) The percentage of total feedstock used to produce  
12 natural gas, biogas, biofuels, or biofeedstocks for  
13 use in the State that is comprised of petroleum  
14 feedstock;

15 (2) The percentage of total feedstock used to produce  
16 natural gas, biogas, biofuels, or biofeedstocks for  
17 use by the gas utility in the State that is comprised  
18 of non-petroleum feedstock;

19 (3) The energy quantity in therms of natural gas, biogas,  
20 or gallons of biofuels, or biofeedstocks produced from  
21 petroleum feedstock for use by the gas utility within  
22 the State; and



1       (4) The energy quantity in therms of natural gas, biogas,  
2       or gallons of biofuels, or biofeedstocks produced from  
3       non-petroleum feedstock energy for use by the gas  
4       utility in the State.

5       Within thirty days of receipt of the report, the public  
6       utilities commission shall submit the information required by  
7       paragraphs (1) and (2) to the legislature. Due to the  
8       proprietary nature of the information required by paragraphs (3)  
9       and (4), that information shall be held in confidence by the  
10      commission; provided that any information obtained by the  
11      commission under this section, including confidential  
12      information, shall be made available to the department of  
13      business, economic development, and tourism or its authorized  
14      representative, which shall safeguard the confidentiality of  
15      that information. The department, with its own staff and other  
16      support staff with relevant expertise and experience, shall use  
17      the information obtained under this section to effectuate the  
18      purposes and intent of chapters 125C, 196, and other relevant  
19      laws. The first report required by this section shall be for  
20      the year 2011 and shall be submitted no later than March 31,  
21      2012.

22       (b) For the purposes of this section:



1        "Department" means the department of business, economic  
2 development, and tourism.

3        "Feedstock" means a material that is converted, consumed,  
4 or blended to produce an end use product.

5        "Total feedstock" means petroleum and non-petroleum  
6 feedstock combined.

7        "Non-petroleum feedstock" includes but is not limited to  
8 plant and animal fats and oils, algae and algae products, other  
9 organic material, organic waste, municipal solid waste, waste  
10 water, or sewage."

11        SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Renewable Energy; Gas Utility; Reporting Requirements

**Description:**

Requires gas utility companies to annually report to the public utilities commission information on the use of renewable energy resources. Defines feedstock, total feedstock, and non-petroleum feedstock.

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