
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. Helping Hawaii's public schools to acquire
2 alternative energy utilities assists in the development and
3 maintenance of sustainable communities that generate their own
4 energy onsite and are less reliant on imported fossil fuels.
5 Renewable energy utilities eventually pay for themselves,
6 and acquiring alternative energy utilities will save money for
7 the State, as well as promote independence from imported oil.
8 The Hawaiian Electric Company (HECO) has already
9 successfully implemented a sun power for schools program for 26
10 public schools on Oahu. Under the program, HECO installs,
11 operates, and maintains solar electric systems using
12 photovoltaic technology and helps the department of education
13 to develop teaching materials on renewable energy of all kinds.
14 An alternative energy grant program would create similar
15 opportunities for other schools. Making grants available to
16 public schools for the purchase of alternative energy utilities
17 for their campuses would not only promote sustainability but



1 would also serve as a learning tool for students in business,
2 science, and math classes.

3 SECTION 2. There is appropriated out of the general
4 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$ or so
5 much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2009-2010 to
6 make available grants to public schools for the purchase of
7 alternative energy utilities for public school campuses in the
8 state.

9 The sum appropriated shall be expended by the department of
10 education for the purposes of this Act.

11 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2009.
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Report Title:

Alternative Energy Utilities in Schools; Grants; Appropriation

Description:

Appropriates funds to make grants available to public schools for the purchase of alternative energy utilities for public school campuses in the state.

