
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1 SECTION 1. (a) The public utilities commission shall
2 prepare a study on the feasibility of establishing renewable
3 energy zones that are free from regulation by the public
4 utilities commission.

5 For the purposes of this section, "renewable energy zone"
6 means a designated area or facility in which energy may be
7 generated from renewable resources in privately-owned generation
8 facilities and distributed to users by way of transmission
9 infrastructure that is separate from power transmission
10 infrastructure owned or operated by a public utility.

11 (b) Prior to the completion of the study, the public
12 utilities commission shall hold public hearings to gather input
13 from the public and interested parties on the feasibility of
14 establishing renewable energy zones.

15 (c) The public utilities commission shall include
16 procedures and qualifications for designating an area or a
17 facility as a renewable energy zone, and it shall make



1 recommendations for areas and facilities that should be
2 designated as renewable energy zones.

3 (d) The public utilities commission shall report its
4 findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than
5 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of
6 2010.

7 SECTION 2. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.
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Report Title:

Public Utilities; Renewable Energy Zones

Description:

Directs the public utilities commission to prepare a study on the creation of renewable energy zones and report its findings to the legislature.

