
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. Section 269-6, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

3 "(b) The public utilities commission [~~may~~] shall consider
4 the need [~~for~~] to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels
5 through energy efficiency and increased renewable energy [use]
6 generation in exercising its authority and duties under this
7 chapter. In making pertinent determinations about the
8 reasonableness of costs of utility system capital improvements
9 and operations, the commission shall explicitly consider,
10 quantitatively or qualitatively, the fact that the State's
11 reliance on fossil fuels results in price and supply volatility,
12 increased costs associated with importing fuel, and greenhouse
13 gas emissions. The commission may determine that short-term or
14 direct costs of alternative energies that are higher than costs
15 associated with fossil fuels are reasonable, considering the
16 consequences of the use of fossil fuels."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
18 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Report Title:

Public Utilities Commission

Description:

Requires the PUC to consider the need to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels through energy efficiency. Allows the PUC to take the consequences of importing fuel into consideration when making determinations about costs of capital improvements and operations.

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