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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO BIOFUEL.

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

1           SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State needs to  
2 expand the use of biofuels as a viable source of energy in order  
3 to reduce dependence on fossil fuels and imported oil. The use  
4 of biofuels is consistent with the State's goals relating to  
5 renewable energy and sustainability. The legislature further  
6 finds that imposing a statutory requirement to utilize biofuels  
7 as energy may be premature at this time in view of the lack of  
8 research and development in the industry, the nascent nature of  
9 the industry, and the uncertain availability of biomass crops in  
10 Hawaii to produce liquid or gaseous fuel.

11           The purpose of this Act is to direct the department of  
12 business, economic development, and tourism to conduct a study  
13 on the feasibility of expanding biofuel production in the State  
14 to become a significant source of transportation fuel.

15           SECTION 2. The department of business, economic  
16 development, and tourism shall conduct a study on the  
17 feasibility of expanding biofuel production in Hawaii to become  
18 a significant source of transportation fuel. The department of



1 business, economic development, and tourism shall report its  
2 findings and recommendations to the legislature no later than  
3 twenty days prior to the convening of the regular session of  
4 2012, including:

5 (1) An estimate of the projected demand for biofuel, and  
6 the availability of biomass crops in Hawaii to produce  
7 acceptable biofuel and meet the projected demand for  
8 biofuel;

9 (2) The capacity of a biofuel producer's facilities to  
10 produce sufficient amounts of biofuel to meet the  
11 projected demand for biofuel;

12 (3) An estimate of the number of gallons of biofuel that  
13 can be produced solely from feedstock grown in the  
14 State;

15 (4) The percentage of transportation fuel sold in the  
16 State that should be biofuel-based;

17 (5) Proposed legislation; and

18 (6) Any other relevant information that the department  
19 deems necessary for the purposes of this Act.

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

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**Report Title:**

Biofuel; Feasibility Study; Transportation Fuel

**Description:**

Requires the department of business, economic development, and tourism to study the feasibility of expanding the production of biofuels in the State to become a significant source of transportation fuel. Report to 2012 legislature. (Proposed SD1)

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