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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 the achievement of  
2 energy security, economic development, and a reduction in carbon  
3 emissions are in the interest of the citizens of Hawaii. Net  
4 energy metering advances each of these goals, and does so in a  
5 manner that marshals substantial federal moneys and private  
6 capital.

7           The legislature finds that net energy metering should  
8 persist even if the public utilities commission establishes  
9 alternative compensation systems for distributed power  
10 generators, such as feed-in tariffs, because net energy metering  
11 serves a different need in the renewable energy marketplace.

12           The legislature further finds that net energy metering  
13 should be perpetuated regardless of the introduction and uptake  
14 level of alternative distributed generation procurement  
15 programs. Additionally, customer-generators with net energy  
16 metering contracts should be allowed to maintain those existing  
17 contracts.



1           The purpose of this Act is to ensure that existing net  
2 metering contracts may be maintained even with the introduction  
3 of new distributed generation energy procurement programs.

4           SECTION 2. Section 269-110, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
5 amended to read as follows:

6           "**§269-110 Termination by eligible customer-generators.** If  
7 an eligible customer-generator terminates the customer  
8 relationship with the electric utility, the electric utility  
9 shall reconcile the eligible customer-generator's consumption  
10 and production of electricity, including any unused credits for  
11 excess electricity from the eligible customer-generator carried  
12 over from prior months, for the period following the last  
13 twelve-month reconciliation period to the date of termination of  
14 the relationship, according to the requirements set forth in  
15 this part.

16           If the public utilities commission at any time establishes  
17 alternative mechanisms for crediting or otherwise compensating  
18 eligible customer-generators for exported power, eligible  
19 customer-generators with existing net energy metering contracts  
20 shall have the option of maintaining those existing net energy  
21 metering contracts rather than converting to new alternative  
22 credits or compensation mechanisms."



1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Net Energy Metering; Renewable Energy; Public Utilities  
Commission

**Description:**

Ensures that existing net metering contracts may be maintained  
even with the introduction of new distributed generation energy  
procurement programs. (SD2)

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