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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES.

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

1           SECTION 1. Section 269-27.2, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
2 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:  
3           "(b) The public utilities commission may direct public  
4 utilities that supply electricity to the public to arrange for  
5 the acquisition of and to acquire electricity generated from  
6 nonfossil fuel sources as is available from and the producers  
7 are willing and able to make available to the public utilities,  
8 and to employ and dispatch the nonfossil fuel generated  
9 electricity in a manner consistent with the availability thereof  
10 to maximize the reduction in consumption of fossil fuels in the  
11 generation of electricity to be provided to the public. To  
12 assist the energy resources coordinator in effectuating the  
13 purposes of chapter 201N, the public utilities commission may  
14 develop reasonable guidelines and timetables for the creation  
15 and implementation of power purchase agreements. If the  
16 commission requires the acquisition of nonfossil fuels under  
17 this subsection, the commission shall consider the:



- 1        (1) Proven effectiveness and reliability of the technology
- 2                and methods that will be used to generate electricity;
- 3        (2) Levels of carbon emissions and other greenhouse gases
- 4                that will be emitted from electricity generation
- 5                facilities; and
- 6        (3) Costs to consumers of electricity generated by the
- 7                facility as compared to costs of electricity generated
- 8                by facilities using other methods for generating
- 9                electricity."

10        SECTION 2. New statutory material is underscored.

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



**Report Title:**

Public Utilities Commission; Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity

**Description:**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to consider technology, carbon emissions, and cost to consumers when considering requirements for electricity generated from nonfossil fuels.  
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