
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 displace a significant amount of petroleum-based liquid 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
18 displace a significant amount of petroleum-based liquid fuel.



1 The department of business, economic development, and tourism
2 shall report its findings and recommendations, including:

- 3 (1) An estimate of the projected demand for biofuel in the
4 State and the availability of local biomass feedstock
5 to meet existing and proposed biofuel production;
- 6 (2) The capacity of any biofuel producer's facilities to
7 produce sufficient amounts of biofuel to meet the
8 projected demand for biofuel;
- 9 (3) An estimate of the number of gallons of biofuel,
10 broken down by type of biofuel, that can be produced
11 solely from feedstock grown in the State;
- 12 (4) The percentage of transportation fuel sold in the
13 State that could be biofuel-based; and
- 14 (5) Any other relevant information that the department
15 deems necessary for the purposes of this Act,
16 to the legislature no later than twenty days prior to the
17 convening of the regular session of 2012; provided that the
18 findings and recommendations of the study may be included in the
19 energy resources coordinator's annual report to the governor and
20 legislature, pursuant to section 196-4, Hawaii Revised Statutes.

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1 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 displace a significant amount of petroleum-based liquid fuel. Report to 2012 legislature. (SD1)

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