
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 determinations of the reasonableness of the
8 costs of utility system capital improvements and operations, the
9 commission shall explicitly consider, quantitatively or
10 qualitatively, the effect of the State's reliance on fossil
11 fuels on price volatility, export of funds for fuel imports,
12 fuel supply reliability risk, and greenhouse gas emissions. The
13 commission may determine that short-term costs or direct costs
14 that are higher than alternatives relying more heavily on fossil
15 fuels are reasonable, considering the impacts resulting from the
16 use of fossil fuels."

17 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed



1 and stricken. . New statutory material is underscored.

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



Report Title:

Public Utilities Commission; Renewable Energy

Description:

Allows the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to consider the benefits of capital improvements for renewable energy and energy efficiency despite the short-term expense. Requires the PUC to consider the need to reduce the State's reliance on fossil fuels. (CD1)

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