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

6 The legislature also finds that net energy metering should
7 continue even if the public utilities commission establishes
8 alternative compensation systems for distributed power
9 generators, such as feed-in tariffs, because net energy metering
10 serves a different need in the renewable energy marketplace.
11 The legislature further finds that customer-generators with net
12 energy metering contracts should be allowed to maintain those
13 existing contracts, even if new alternative distributed
14 generation procurement programs emerge.

15 The purpose of this Act is to ensure that existing net
16 energy metering contracts may be maintained even if the public
17 utilities commission establishes alternative mechanisms for



1 crediting or otherwise compensating customer-generators for
2 exported power.

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

5 **"§269-110 Termination by eligible customer-generators.**

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

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

22 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.



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

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Description:

Provides eligible customer-generators with the option to maintain existing net metering contracts even if the public utilities commission establishes alternative mechanisms for crediting or otherwise compensating eligible customer-generators for exported power.

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