
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LIQUEFIED NATURAL GAS.

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

1 SECTION 1. Hawaii may benefit from the use of liquefied
2 natural gas. Replacing petroleum and coal with liquefied
3 natural gas may reduce the cost of electricity, the
4 environmental footprint of electricity production, and
5 greenhouse gas emissions. Liquefied natural gas may also enable
6 higher penetration levels of renewable energy.

7 Rather than waiting until liquefied natural gas proposals
8 are well advanced, it is important for the State to investigate
9 the potential benefits and risks of liquefied natural gas now.
10 The public utilities commission has initiated investigative
11 dockets to better understand highly complex issues. In
12 particular, the public utilities commission initiated
13 investigative dockets on feed-in tariffs and decoupling and on
14 transferring energy efficiency programs from electric utilities
15 to energy efficient utilities.

16 SECTION 2. Section 269-1, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
17 amended by adding a new definition to be appropriately inserted
18 and to read as follows:



1 "Liquefied natural gas" means natural gas that has been
2 cooled to negative two hundred fifty nine degrees Fahrenheit or
3 negative one hundred sixty one degrees Celsius and at which
4 point is considered a liquid."

5 SECTION 3. Section 269-8, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 "**§269-8 Public utilities to furnish information.** (a)
8 Every public utility or other person subject to investigation by
9 the commission, shall at all times, upon request, furnish to the
10 public utilities commission all information that it may require
11 respecting any of the matters concerning which it is given power
12 to investigate, and shall permit the examination of its books,
13 records, contracts, maps, and other documents by the commission,
14 or any of its members, or any person authorized by it in writing
15 to make such examination, and shall furnish the commission with
16 a complete inventory of its property in such form as the
17 commission may direct.

18 (b) Public utilities importing liquefied natural gas into
19 Hawaii shall file annual liquefied natural gas reports with the
20 public utilities commission. The reports shall include
21 information as determined by the public utilities commission."



1 SECTION 4. The public utilities commission shall initiate
2 an investigative docket to examine the risks and benefits of the
3 use of imported liquefied natural gas in this State, including
4 the impact on the environment and health risks. For this
5 docket, the public utilities commission shall submit a progress
6 report and, upon issuance of the final decision and order in the
7 docket, a final report, to the legislature no later than twenty
8 days prior to the convening of the regular session of each year,
9 as applicable.

10 SECTION 5. The department of business, economic
11 development, and tourism shall report to the legislature no
12 later than twenty days prior to the convening of the 2014
13 regular session on the costs, benefits, feasibility, and impacts
14 of importing and selling liquefied natural gas in the State.
15 The report shall also include recommended metrics and reporting
16 requirements for public utilities importing or selling liquefied
17 natural gas in the State and address other pertinent issues
18 which the department identifies in the course of its study.

19 SECTION 6. New statutory material is underscored.

20 SECTION 7. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.



Report Title:

Liquefied Natural Gas

Description:

Requires utilities importing natural gas to file annual liquefied natural gas reports with the PUC. Requires the PUC to open an investigative docket to examine the risks and benefits of liquefied natural gas. Requires the Department of Business, Economic Development, and Tourism to submit a report regarding liquefied natural gas. (HB448 HD1)

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