
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO CLEAN ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that Hawaii's dependency
2 on imported fuel drains our economy of billions of dollars each
3 year. A stronger local economy depends on a transition away
4 from imported fuels and toward renewable local resources that
5 provide a secure source of affordable energy.

6 The legislature further finds that alternative energy
7 technologies have advanced significantly in recent years leading
8 to an explosion of new markets, jobs, and local energy sources.
9 Due to these and other advances, Hawaii is currently ahead of
10 its timeline in reaching its goal of becoming forty per cent
11 renewable by 2030.

12 The legislature also finds that Hawaii is in a period of
13 energy transition, with many long-term agreements soon to be
14 executed for new forms of imported fuels that may act as
15 temporary "bridge" fuels until local sources of renewable energy
16 can be developed.

17 The purpose of this Act is to update and extend Hawaii's
18 clean energy initiative and renewable portfolio standards to



1 ensure maximum long-term benefit to Hawaii's economy by setting
2 a goal to be one hundred per cent renewable by 2050. This
3 target will ensure that Hawaii moves beyond its dependence on
4 imported fuels and continues to grow a local renewable energy
5 industry.

6 SECTION 2. Section 196-10.5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
7 amended by amending its title and subsection (a) to read as
8 follows:

9 "[~~H~~]~~§~~196-10.5[~~}]~~ Hawaii clean energy initiative program.

10 (a) There is established within the department of business,
11 economic development, and tourism, a Hawaii clean energy
12 initiative program to manage the State's transition to a clean
13 energy economy. The clean energy program shall design,
14 implement, and administer activities that include:

15 (1) Strategic partnerships for the research, development,
16 testing, deployment, and permitting of clean and
17 renewable technologies;

18 (2) Engineering and economic evaluations of Hawaii's
19 potential for near-term project opportunities for the
20 State's renewable energy resources;



- 1 (3) Electric grid reliability and security projects that
- 2 will enable the integration of a substantial increase
- 3 of electricity from renewable-energy resources;
- 4 (4) A statewide clean energy public education and outreach
- 5 plan to be developed in coordination with Hawaii's
- 6 institutions of public education;
- 7 (5) Promotion of Hawaii's clean and renewable resources to
- 8 potential partners and investors;
- 9 (6) A plan, to be implemented from 2011 to [~~2030,~~] 2050,
- 10 to transition the State to a clean energy economy; and
- 11 (7) A plan, to be implemented from 2011 to [~~2030,~~] 2050,
- 12 to assist each county in transitioning to a clean
- 13 energy economy."

14 SECTION 3. Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is

15 amended by amending subsection (a) to read as follows:

16 "(a) Each electric utility company that sells electricity

17 for consumption in the State shall establish a renewable

18 portfolio standard of:

- 19 (1) Ten per cent of its net electricity sales by December
- 20 31, 2010;
- 21 (2) Fifteen per cent of its net electricity sales by
- 22 December 31, 2015;



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- 1 (3) Twenty-five per cent of its net electricity sales by
2 December 31, 2020; [and]
3 (4) Forty per cent of its net electricity sales by
4 December 31, 2030 [-]; and
5 (5) One hundred per cent of its net electricity sales by
6 December 31, 2050."

7 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
8 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect upon its approval.

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Report Title:

Clean Energy Initiative; Renewable Portfolio Standards

Description:

Extends the clean energy initiative program goals to 2050 and the renewable portfolio standards to 100% clean energy by 2050.

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