
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:



- 1 (1) Establish a one hundred per cent renewable portfolio
2 standard and in turn eliminate Hawaii's dependence on
3 imported fuels to generate electricity; and
- 4 (2) Require the public utilities commission to investigate
5 the feasibility of updating and extending the Hawaii
6 clean energy initiatives program plans and renewable
7 portfolio standards to ensure maximum long-term
8 benefit to Hawaii's economy. This will ensure that
9 Hawaii moves beyond its dependence on imported fuels
10 and continues to grow a local renewable energy
11 industry.

12 SECTION 2. Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
13 amended to read as follows:

14 **"§269-92 Renewable portfolio standards.** (a) Each
15 electric utility company that sells electricity for consumption
16 in the State shall establish a renewable portfolio standard of:

- 17 (1) Ten per cent of its net electricity sales by December
18 31, 2010;
- 19 (2) Fifteen per cent of its net electricity sales by
20 December 31, 2015;
- 21 (3) Twenty-five per cent of its net electricity sales by
22 December 31, 2020; and



1 (4) Forty per cent of its net electricity sales by
 2 December 31, 2030[-];
 3 provided that each electric utility company that sells
 4 electricity for consumption in the State shall establish a
 5 renewable portfolio standard goal of one hundred per cent of its
 6 net electricity sales."

7 SECTION 3. (a) The public utilities commission shall
 8 investigate and produce a report containing recommendations on
 9 the feasibility of updating and extending the Hawaii clean
 10 energy initiatives program plans and renewable portfolio
 11 standards to include benchmarks beyond 2030. The report shall
 12 include incremental goals within a timeline for reaching an
 13 ultimate goal of one hundred per cent renewable energy.

14 (b) The public utilities commission shall submit its
 15 report to the legislature, including findings, recommendations,
 16 and any proposed legislation, no later than twenty days prior to
 17 the convening of the regular session of 2015.

18 SECTION 4. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
 19 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.

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

Report Title:

Clean Energy Initiative; Renewable Portfolio Standards

Description:

Requires that each electric utility company that sells electricity for consumption in the State develop a renewable portfolio standard goal of one hundred per cent of its net electricity sales. Requires the Public Utilities Commission to investigate the feasibility of updating the Hawaii Clean Energy Initiatives Program plans and Renewable Portfolio Standards to include benchmarks beyond 2030 and report its findings to the legislature. (HB1939 HD1)

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