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## A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO LEED CERTIFICATION.

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

1           SECTION 1. Developed by the United States Green Building  
2 Council, LEED, Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design, is  
3 a set of rating systems for the design, construction, operation,  
4 and maintenance of buildings and neighborhoods that are  
5 environmentally responsible and use resources efficiently.  
6 Begun in 1998, LEED standards are internationally-recognized and  
7 employed in more than thirty countries.

8           The legislature finds that LEED certification is a five-  
9 step process that begins with the choice of which rating system  
10 to use, involves an application review, and permits an appeal of  
11 the certification decision. Certification is achieved when a  
12 project earns points within LEED credit categories, including  
13 sustainable sites credits, water efficiency credits, energy and  
14 atmosphere credits, materials and resources credits, and indoor  
15 environmental quality credits. The number of points a project  
16 earns determines its level of LEED certification.

17           The legislature further finds that LEED-certified buildings  
18 generally require fewer resources to operate and are more



1 efficient in their operations, thereby freeing resources for  
2 additional uses, including economic development and job  
3 creation.

4 Accordingly, the purpose of this Act is to require all  
5 newly-constructed public buildings, facilities, and schools to  
6 be designed and constructed to obtain LEED certification and  
7 that state departments responsible for the design and  
8 construction of such facilities obtain LEED certification.

9 SECTION 2. Chapter 196, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
10 amended by adding a new section to part II to be appropriately  
11 designated and to read as follows:

12 **"§196- State facilities; public schools; LEED**  
13 **certification.** (a) Each state department with responsibilities  
14 for the design and construction of public buildings and  
15 facilities, including public schools, shall ensure that newly-  
16 constructed public buildings, facilities, and schools are  
17 designed and constructed in such a manner as to obtain LEED,  
18 certification according to at least one LEED rating system.

19 (b) Upon completion of a newly constructed public  
20 building, facility, or school, the state department responsible  
21 for the design and construction shall apply for and obtain LEED  
22 certification. If certification is not initially granted, the



1 relevant state department shall take all necessary steps to  
2 achieve certification.

3 (c) As used in this section, "LEED" means Leadership in  
4 Energy and Environmental Design developed by the United States  
5 Green Building Council, which is the set of rating systems for  
6 the design, construction, operation, and maintenance of  
7 buildings that are environmentally responsible and use resources  
8 efficiently."

9 SECTION 3. This Act does not affect rights and duties that  
10 matured, penalties that were incurred, and proceedings that were  
11 begun before its effective date.

12 SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Public Buildings, Facilities, and Schools; LEED Certification

**Description:**

Requires state departments with responsibilities for the design and construction of public buildings, facilities, and schools to design and construct such facilities to obtain LEED certification for all newly-constructed facilities and to obtain LEED certification for such facilities.

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