
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO RENEWABLE PORTFOLIO STANDARDS.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the definition of
2 "renewable electrical energy" in part V of chapter 269, Hawaii
3 Revised Statutes, is ambiguous and allows for unanticipated
4 loopholes to be exploited.

5 The purpose of this Act is to protect the environment
6 against potentially harmful effects of the State's pursuit of
7 increased renewable energy sources by allowing the public
8 utilities commission to give preference to certain renewable
9 energy resources when establishing renewable portfolio
10 standards.

11 SECTION 2. Section 269-92, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
12 amended by amending subsection (b) to read as follows:

13 "(b) The public utilities commission may establish
14 standards for each utility that prescribe what portion of the
15 renewable portfolio standards shall be met by specific types of
16 renewable energy resources; provided that:

17 (1) Prior to January 1, 2015, at least fifty per cent of
18 the renewable portfolio standards shall be met by



1 electrical energy generated using renewable energy as
2 the source, and after December 31, 2014, the entire
3 renewable portfolio standard shall be met by
4 electrical generation from renewable energy sources;

5 (2) Beginning January 1, 2015, electrical energy savings
6 shall not count toward renewable energy portfolio
7 standards;

8 (3) Where electrical energy is generated or displaced by a
9 combination of renewable and nonrenewable means, the
10 proportion attributable to the renewable means shall
11 be credited as renewable energy; and

12 (4) Where fossil and renewable fuels are co-fired in the
13 same generating unit, the unit shall be considered to
14 generate renewable electrical energy (electricity) in
15 direct proportion to the percentage of the total heat
16 input value represented by the heat input value of the
17 renewable fuels.

18 When establishing the standards, the commission may give
19 preference to renewable energy resources that reduce or
20 eliminate the amount of fossil fuel used in the generation of
21 the renewable energy and result in reduced energy transmission
22 volatility."

1 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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Report Title:

Renewable Portfolio Standards; Preferences

Description:

Authorizes the PUC to give preference to renewable energy resources that reduce or eliminate the use of fossil fuel and result in reduced volatility when establishing renewable portfolio standards.

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