A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO STATE RESOURCES ON HAWAIIAN HOME LANDS.

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

1	SECT	ION 1. Section 182-7, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
2	amended by	y amending subsection (c) to read as follows:
3	"(C)	The payments to the State as fixed by the board shall
4	be specif	ied; provided that:
5	(1)	In the case of bauxite, bauxitic clay, gibbsite,
6		diaspore, boehmite, and all ores of aluminum, the
7		amount of royalties for each long dry ton of ore as
8		beneficiated shall not be less than twenty-five cents
9		or the equivalent of the price of one pound of virgin
10		pig aluminum, whichever is higher, nor shall it exceed
11		the equivalent of the price of three pounds of virgin
12		pig aluminum;
13	(2)	The rate of royalty for ore processed into aluminous
14		oxide in the State shall be set at eighty per cent of
15		the rate of royalty for ore not processed to aluminous
16		oxide in the State; and

1 (3) The royalty shall be fixed at a rate [which] that will 2 tend to encourage the establishment and continuation 3 of the mining industry in the State. 4 The prices of virgin pig aluminum for the purpose of determining the royalties under this section shall be the basic 5 6 price on the mainland United States market for virgin pig, not 7 refined, f.o.b. factory. The royalties shall be in lieu of any 8 severance or other similar tax on the extracting, producing, 9 winning, beneficiating, handling, storing, treating, or transporting of the mineral or any product into which it may be 10 11 processed in the State, and shall not be subject to reopening or 12 renegotiating for and during the first twenty years of the lease 13 term. 14 [In the event] If the lessee desires to mine other 15 minerals, the lessee, before mining the minerals, shall [so] 16 notify the board in writing, and the board and the lessee shall 17 negotiate and fix the royalties for the minerals. 18 Any other law to the contrary notwithstanding, thirty per 19 cent of all royalties received by the State from geothermal 20 resources shall be paid to the county in which mining operations 21 covered under a state geothermal resource mining lease are

situated[-]; provided that if the geothermal resources are

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- 1 located on lands under the jurisdiction of the department of
- 2 Hawaiian home lands, twenty per cent of all royalties received
- 3 by the State shall be paid to the county in which the geothermal
- 4 resources are located, and per cent shall be paid to the
- 5 department of Hawaiian home lands."
- 6 SECTION 2. Statutory material to be repealed is bracketed
- 7 and stricken. New statutory material is underscored.
- 8 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.

Report Title:

Geothermal Resources; DHHL; Counties; Mining Leases; Royalties

Description:

Specifies that a percentage of royalties from geothermal resources on DHHL lands shall be paid to the DHHL and twenty percent shall be paid to the county in which the geothermal resources are located. Effective July 1, 2050. (SB2953 HD1)

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