
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that transparency in the
2 process of purchasing renewable electricity generated from
3 nonfossil fuel sources serves the interests of independent power
4 producers who compete to sell energy to the energy utilities and
5 of the rate-paying public by creating an opportunity for review
6 and oversight of the public utilities commission's decision-
7 making process.

8 The purpose of this Act is to increase transparency in
9 power purchase contracts for renewable energy.

10 SECTION 2. Section 269-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is
11 amended to read as follows:

12 "**§269-5 Annual report and register of orders.** The public
13 utilities commission shall prepare and present to the governor,
14 through the director of finance, in the month of January in each
15 year a report respecting its actions during the preceding fiscal
16 year. This report shall include summary information and
17 analytical, comparative, and trend data concerning major
18 regulatory issues acted upon and pending before the commission;



1 cases processed by the commission, including their dispositions;
2 utility company operations, capital improvements, and rates;
3 utility company performance in terms of efficiency and quality
4 of services rendered; a summary of power purchase agreements in
5 effect during the fiscal year; environmental matters having a
6 significant impact upon public utilities; actions of the federal
7 government affecting the regulation of public utilities in
8 Hawaii; long and short-range plans and objectives of the
9 commission; together with the commission's recommendations
10 respecting legislation and other matters requiring executive and
11 legislative consideration. Copies of the annual reports shall
12 be furnished by the governor to the legislature. In addition,
13 the commission shall establish and maintain a register of all
14 its orders and decisions, which shall be open and readily
15 available for public inspection, and no order or decision of the
16 commission shall take effect until it is filed and recorded in
17 this register.

18 Beginning on July 1, 2016, the commission shall publish all
19 contracts for the purchase of nonfossil fuel generated energy by
20 a public utility on a publicly-accessible portion of the
21 commission's website; provided that all contracts shall include
22 the purchase price of energy expressed as cost per kilowatt hour



1 as approved or determined by the commission. All contracts
2 shall be published upon filing of the contract with the
3 commission; provided that a contract may be published at the
4 time of filing with certain proprietary information redacted;
5 provided further that upon a final approval or determination of
6 the commission, the contract shall be published in its
7 entirety."

8 SECTION 3. New statutory material is underscored.

9 SECTION 4. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2013.

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Report Title:

Renewable Energy; Public Utilities Commission; Annual Report

Description:

Requires the public utilities commission to include in its annual report summary information on all power purchase agreements in effect during the fiscal period of the annual report. (SD1)

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