
A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO ENERGY.

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

1 SECTION 1. The legislature finds that in master-metered
2 condominiums, electric power consumption for the entire building
3 is divided among the units. Since the electricity costs of each
4 unit change very little in proportion to a unit's increased or
5 decreased consumption, residents in master-metered condominiums
6 have little incentive to conserve electricity and therefore tend
7 to consume more electricity than residents who do not reside in
8 master-metered condominiums.

9 The legislature further finds that changing condominiums
10 from master-metered to sub-metered, where each apartment unit is
11 charged for that unit's electricity consumption, reduces total
12 building electricity consumption by ten to twenty-six per cent.

13 The purpose of this Act is to establish a working group to
14 address the installation of electrical sub-meters in
15 condominiums.



1 SECTION 2. (a) There is established the condominium sub-
2 meter working group within the department of business, economic
3 development, and tourism for administrative purposes.

4 (b) The working group shall examine the financial,
5 technical, administrative, and other issues regarding the
6 installation of electrical sub-meters in new and existing
7 condominium projects.

8 (c) The following individuals or their designees shall
9 serve as members of the working group:

10 (1) The director of business, economic development, and
11 tourism, who shall serve as the chairperson of the
12 working group;

13 (2) The director of commerce and consumer affairs;

14 (3) The chairperson of the public utilities commission;

15 (4) The chairperson of the senate standing committee with
16 jurisdiction over energy matters;

17 (5) The chairperson of the house of representatives
18 standing committee with jurisdiction over energy
19 matters;

20 (6) The chairperson of the senate standing committee with
21 jurisdiction over consumer protection matters; and



1 (7) The chairperson of the house of representatives
2 standing committee with jurisdiction over consumer
3 protection matters.

4 (d) The director of business, economic development, and
5 tourism, shall invite representatives from the following to
6 serve as members of the working group:

7 (1) The community associations institute;

8 (2) Hawaiian Electric Industries;

9 (3) A utility cooperative;

10 (4) The solar industry; and

11 (5) The storage and distributed energy resources industry.

12 (e) Members of working group shall receive no compensation
13 for their service on the working group but shall be reimbursed
14 from reasonable expenses incurred, including travel expenses,
15 related to their service on the working group.

16 (f) The working group shall report its findings and
17 recommendations, including any proposed legislation, to the
18 legislature no later than twenty days prior to the convening of
19 the regular session of 2017.

20 (g) The legislative reference bureau shall assist the
21 working group with editing its report and proposed legislation,



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1 if any; provided that the draft report and proposed legislation
2 are provided to the bureau by November 1, 2016.

3 (h) The working group shall be dissolved on December 30,
4 2016.

5 SECTION 3. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2016.

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Report Title:

Condominiums; Electricity; Master-meter; Sub-meter; Working Group

Description:

Establishes the condominium sub-meter working group within DBEDT to examine installing sub-meters in condominiums.

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