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## 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 on August 26, 2014,  
2 pursuant to order by the public utilities commission, the  
3 Hawaiian Electric Companies submitted an action plan to achieve  
4 State energy goals. This plan included heavy reliance on  
5 importing liquefied natural gas from foreign countries.

6           The legislature further finds that Hawaiian Electric  
7 Companies' plan to use liquefied natural gas will involve  
8 significant investment, commit the State to decades of using  
9 this non-renewable fossil fuel, and displace investment into  
10 long-term clean renewable energy. Conversion of existing oil-  
11 burning power-generating plants to use liquefied natural gas  
12 will cost an estimated \$200,000,000 along with millions of  
13 dollars in other large infrastructure expenditures. While  
14 Hawaiian Electric Companies has touted liquefied natural gas as  
15 a bridge to a cleaner future, the staggering investment  
16 requirements are merely a bridge to use more liquefied natural  
17 gas.



1 Instead, these hundreds of millions of dollars should be used to  
2 make great strides in implementing a smart electrical grid and  
3 developing solar, wind, and geothermal energy sources.

4 The legislature further finds that the use of liquefied  
5 natural gas raises environmental concerns. Fracking to obtain  
6 the natural gas, processing of the gas, supercooling it to minus  
7 259 degrees Fahrenheit to convert it to a liquid state, shipping  
8 the liquefied natural gas across thousands of miles in  
9 refrigerated tanks on liquefied natural gas carriers,  
10 transporting it off the carriers, storing it, and finally  
11 gasifying it for use all require tremendous use of fossil fuel  
12 energy and produce significant levels of greenhouse gases.

13 The purpose of this Act is to prohibit utilities from  
14 importing liquid natural gas without disrupting the current  
15 small liquefied natural gas imports.

16 SECTION 2. Chapter 269, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
17 amended by adding a new section to be appropriately designated  
18 and to read as follows:

19 "§269- Liquid natural gas carrier use by public  
20 utilities; prohibited. No public utility shall use any liquid  
21 natural gas, or any product created from that liquid natural



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1 gas, that has been imported into the State by a liquid natural  
2 gas carrier.

3 For purposes of this section, a "liquid natural gas  
4 carrier" is a tank ship that primarily transports liquid natural  
5 gas and has a capacity to hold more than 100,000 cubic meters of  
6 liquid natural gas."

7 SECTION 3.. New statutory material is underscored.

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

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**Report Title:**

Liquefied Natural Gas; Utilities

**Description:**

Prohibits utilities from engaging in large-scale import of liquefied natural gas.

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